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CHINA LEGISLATORS TO MEET TODAY

Yuan Wants Dr. Sun To Report On Govt Policies PEACE ENVOYS RETURN

Nanking, February 28.

The Legislative Yuan third plenary session will open here at 9 a.m. tomorrow to deliberate the vital problem of peace with the Communists and unity within the Government in an atmosphere of spreading agitation for the ousting of the Premier, Dr. Sun Fo.

Legislative Yuan circles said the Premier will be asked to appear personally to make a report on administrative policies and answer charges against him concerning his removal of the Executive Yuan to Canton and his alleged financial deals.

The total number of members now in the capital for the meeting stands at 187, exceeding the required quorum by 32.

The forthcoming sessions are described as perhaps the most important in the short career of the Legislative Yuan which is due for certain dissolution in case the Government and the Communists reach a successful peace settlement.

The Deputy Prime Minister, General Wu Te-cheng, told legislators that Premier Sun Fo is to return to the capital tomorrow, according to Chinese reports today.

General Wu who arrived here last Thursday is making efforts to make things easy for the return of the Premier.

The Deputy Premier entertained more than 10 leading legislators yesterday. He was reported to have urged them not to be too hard on Dr. Sun. He specially appealed to them not to ask for a report on administrative policy by the Premier and for a reconciliation between the Nanking and Canton legislatures.

The legislators present, including Fan Yu-shan, Huang Yu-jen and Li Yu-wen, were said to have concurred with General Wu on the need for reconciliation but stressed the question of a meeting place for the Legislative Yuan which had been settled in favour of remaining in Nanking should not be revised.

The legislators were also said to have expressed welcome for the return of Dr. Sun but pointed out he would have to appear at the Yuan session to report on administrative policies and answer interpellations.

Kung Keng, 77-year-old Legislative Yuan member, told the Social Welfare Daily today that he considers Dr. Sun too weak to be Prime Minister. Kung arrived here recently from Hankow to attend the Yuan sessions.

Meanwhile, the Shanghai non-partisan peace delegation arrived by plane in Nanking today for Peiping after a fortnight's preliminary peace discussions with the Communist leaders according to Reuters.

An authoritative source told Reuters that formal peace negotiations between the Nationalists and Communists could be expected to begin in Peiping about the middle of March.

The Communists would shortly appoint their peace delegates.

A statement issued by the non-partisan delegation said: "Although there are still obstacles before us it is very possible we shall be successful in having peace."

The delegates announced they had smoothly settled in principle problems connected with the resumption of postal communications and navigation between Communist-held North China and the Nationalist South. They will report to President Li Tsung-jen at a special dinner he is giving in their honour tonight.

Who Wants To Be A Mayor?

Shanghai, February 27.

The Mayor of Shanghai, city of nearly 6,000,000 people will draw a salary worth less than seven United States dollars in February.

A survey conducted by the American-owned Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury revealed Mayor K. C. Wu will get QY17,400 (about US\$6.00) for a month.

On present salaries, civil servants must starve, beg, borrow or starve, the papers said.

But Mayor Wu is not as badly off as it appears on the ledger. He gets many extras—highly important during the current spiralling inflation—such as official residence and car.—Associated Press.

with headquarters in Hong Kong.

Unconfirmed reports here said that the time and place for limited peace discussions had been given by the Communists and are expected to be accepted by the President.

Local newspaper reports today said that the Communists had agreed not to attack the Yangtze River line during the negotiations and to give concessions on the first of their eight points for peace, requiring the punishment of a long list of alleged Nationalist war criminals.

The non-partisan delegation was accompanied on its flight today by the Shanghai shipping delegation, which arrived at Tientsin by sea via Chinwangtao and afterwards went to Peiping.

One of the shipping delegates told Reuters the resumption of navigation applied to both shipping and air services.

Planes of the Central Air Transport Corporation would be allowed to resume flights to Peiping, but not the China National Aviation Corporation, because of its American connection.

Technicians from the Postal service, the delegates said, would be allowed to fly to Peiping within three days to work out details of the restoration of China's postal services.

In their official statement the non-partisan delegates said they

were grateful to the Communist leaders, who had given them interviews, either collectively or individually. They said they had been kindly received at Shihchiachung by the Communist leaders, Mr. Mao Tse-tung and General Chou En-lai, with whom they had exchanged views about the peace problem.

They had finished their work in Peiping and they would return to Shanghai after they had reported to President Li. They expressed gratitude to the Communist authorities, who had entertained them so sincerely.

The delegates were welcomed at Nanking airport by the Deputy Premier, General Wu Te-cheng, the President of the Control Yuan, Mr. Yu Yu-jen, and other Nationalist leaders.

Radio-telephone reports from Peiping today said last night the delegates dined with Democratic League leaders, who came from Mukden.

Several Nationalist military leaders, meanwhile, are looking for more information about the British Labour Party's Socialist policy as peace with the Communists is coming closer in China.

The militarists may be China's Socialists of tomorrow if the plans they are believed to be discussing with President Li Tsung-jen are ever formulated into reforms.

Sceptics advised the generals, who are the President's closest supporters, to begin by reading Mr. Mao Tse-tung's writings. With the important exception that Mao Tse-tung links his movement with International Communism, his reforms are more practical for China than anything the generals may find in British Socialist plans, sceptics claimed.

The generals' conception of peace with the Communists remains in some respects a division of China alone the Yangtze during the interim period.

In that time they are understood to favour setting [China's] house in order by implementation of three important reforms:

1—Nationalisation of China's armies;

2—Introduction of democratic Government; and, 3—Implementation of a system of socialism.

They think the National Coalition Government with the Communists should direct China in the interim period, but that the actual house cleaning should be implemented through the existing provincial administrations.

SE Block?

Fighting Breaks Out In Bangkok; London Worried

Bangkok, February 27.

Fighting between Siamese Navy and Army elements broke out in the main streets of Bangkok last night.

The outbreak occurred shortly after a group, at present unidentified, had seized the Government's Bangkok Radio at 9.30 p.m.

Heavy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire ensued at the Arsenal, the Grand Palace and near the Premier's residence between midnight and day-break today. There were many casualties.

An eye-witness said he saw bodies being loaded into trucks. At dawn, armoured vehicles manned by soldiers and anti-tank guns manned by Marines went into action against each other. This fighting died down by noon.

Reports of serious unrest in Bangkok, reaching diplomatic quarters in London, were causing grave concern today. It was learned on good authority.

Any event contributing to the troubles in South East Asia, now serious in Burma and Malaya, are viewed with concern in London. It was stated.

The troubles, which broke out last night in Bangkok, followed measures taken a few days ago by Marshal Pibul Songgram, the Prime Minister, to control an expected coup d'etat by elements in touch with the Chinese Communists.

The news reaching London today did not make it clear whether the disturbances were a last-minute attempt to carry out the expected coup or whether they arose from some other cause. It was also not clear whether, as claimed by the Siamese Government, the Chinese Communists were responsible, and if so, whether the plan was prepared in concert with the Chinese Communist operating in Malaya.

A Foreign Office spokesman confirmed today that General Sir Neil Ritchie, Commander-in-Chief of the Far East Land Forces, is still in Bangkok. He has been there for some days in connection with Anglo-Siamese measures to seal off the Malayan-Siamese frontier. He was also understood to be discussing a re-arming and equipment to the Siamese Army.

The Siamese unrest will, it is believed, enter the scope of tomorrow's Commonwealth conference at New Delhi on the situation in Burma, when Malaya will also be discussed.—Reuters.

ON OTHER PAGES

In the economic and military chaos that is plaguing China the salaried class are the greatest sufferers whereas the labourers, especially rickshaw coolies, are making easy money. This office clerk (right) in a large Chinese shipping company kneels down to partake of a quick supper on the busy Shanghai Bund with a rickshaw coolie and a woman coolie.—(AP Photo)

Paraguay's Government Overthrown In Bloodless Revolution

Asuncion, Paraguay, February 27.

A civil and military movement overthrew the Government of Paraguay last night in the first bloodless revolution in Paraguayan history and arrested President Raimundo Rolon just 26 days after he took office.

A broadcast by the national radio said General Rolon was succeeded by his own Minister of Education, Dr. Felipe Molas Lopez.

The President was arrested at the town of Paraguari, 37 miles North of Asuncion, touching off a bloodless coup d'etat that was accomplished in four hours between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

General Rolon had gone to Paraguari for personal reasons. The First Regiment of Artillery, which has barracks at Paraguari, was joined in revolt by the First Division of Cavalry at Campo Grande, 12 kilometres from Asuncion.

Lieutenant Colonel Cesar Malorqui commanded the Cavalry division while Colonel Alfredo Struener headed the artillery regiment.

All operations of the revolution were carried out with the greatest reserve with no show of force. All troops stayed in their barracks but were on the alert, ready to go out if necessary.

The remainder of the military forces gradually joined the revolution.

It is expected that General Rolon and General Villaboa, who was taken with him, will be brought to Asuncion.

When the rebels had the situation under control, they issued an "Act of the Army" naming Dr. Lopez provisional president of the Republic.

Asuncion remained quiet and there were no demonstrations.

Too High, Russia Says

Penang, February 26.

The Soviet Union considers the price asked for Malayan rubber too high and has not yet ordered fresh shipments, leading rubber shippers here told Reuters today.

The Russians has offered new terms which the Malayan shippers were not anxious to accept, they added.

One of the conditions, given by the Russians was that shipments of rubber in future would be inspected at Odessa by the Russians. No contract has been signed yet.

The last shipment of Malayan rubber under the present contract some 10,000 tons, is leaving Malaya in parts shortly.—Reuters.

Bulgarian Church Leader Confesses To Spying, Treason

Sofia, February 26.

Sobbing in court, Pastor Vassil Ziapkov, the chief defendant in the treason trial here of 15 Evangelical Church leaders, pleaded guilty today to all charges against him of treason and spying.

He told a crowded court he had become a spy for both the Americans and the British because he had always been "pro-American and pro-English." England was his "second homeland," he said.

Ziapkov, who is 48, was described as a representative of the United Evangelical Churches in Bulgaria and a member of their Supreme Council here.

In its 7,000-word indictment, the prosecution said he was "at the bottom of all the hostile activity of the leaders of the Evangelical Churches in Bulgaria" and "achieved a record in treason and treachery."

His confession came soon after Pastor Vassil Ivanov, another leading accused, had said he had "completely changed" his attitude to Communism during his detention and hoped he would receive a sentence which would make it possible for him to prove this.

Pastor Ziapkov concluded his testimony tonight with a dramatic statement in which he referred to himself as the "prodigal son returning to his people." His voice broke many times and he wept freely during the statement. He said his fellow accused were the creations of American capitalism and "capitalism creates and then destroys its own creation," he cried.

Pastor Ziapkov said he replied that he considered England his "second homeland." Mr. Andrews, he continued, then asked whether he would be ready to do something for England, and he said he would.

Mr. Andrews then asked him to supply political and economic information, he said. He then burst into tears. He said he was grateful to England and America "and out of this gratitude I agreed to give information."

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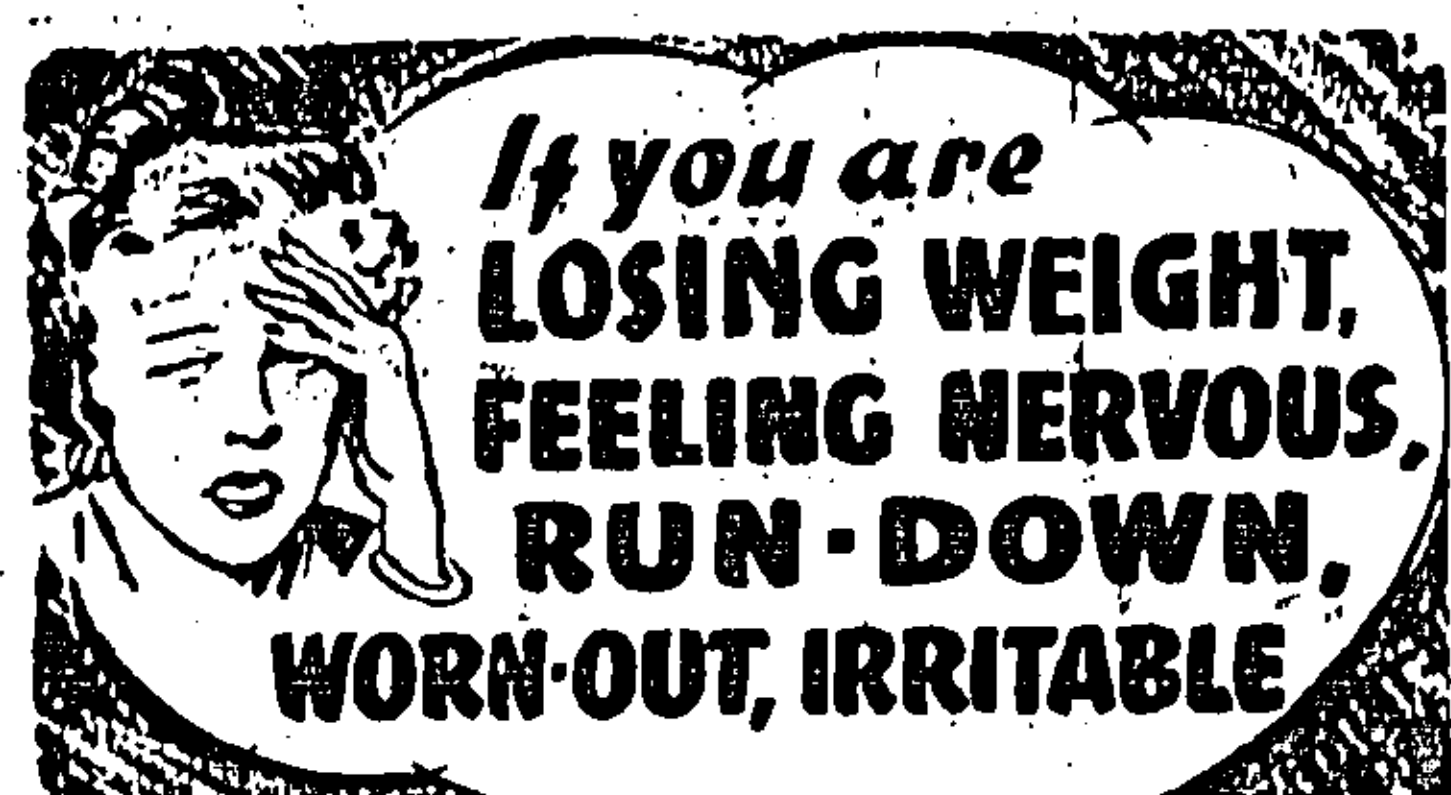
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A Rhodes Dream Is Coming True

(By NOEL MONKS)

Victoria Falls, February 27.

With their backs to the mighty Zambesi and the
roar of the Victoria Falls in their ears, a
dozen men sat at a table in a cardroom at
the luxury Falls Hotel in Southern Rhodesia
and planned history.

When the conference ended three days later, the
first steps had been taken in the formation
of the new Central African Dominion, and
yet another dream of Rhodes started towards
fulfilment.

Indeed, were Cecil Rhodes alive
and able to look in on this historic
conference, he might nod his wise
head and say:

"Fifty years ago in Capetown
they said I was a madman just
for talking about what you gentlemen
are now accomplishing."

The Victoria Falls Conference
of representatives from Northern
and Southern Rhodesia and
Nyasaland was watched with
great interest throughout Africa
—and particularly in the Union.

On September 14 last year Sir
Godfrey Huggins, Southern
Rhodesia's Prime Minister, said:
"There is going to be a United
States of Africa as sure as the
sun comes up. First there will be
the linking together of the two
Rhodesias, North and South, and

the entry of Nyasaland with us
into a great Middle Dominion of
Africa."

His Dream Too

Sir Godfrey, who had just then
been returned as Premier with an
overwhelming majority, will
lead his Colony's delegation to the
conference for this Central Africa
Dominion has been a dream of
his for many years.

Whitehall has little time for
such realistic projects as envisaged
by the Victoria Falls Conference,
and no encouragement
has been given the far-sighted
men who will participate in it.

The advocates of a strong British
Central State in Africa are
up against a Whitehall policy of
"Africa for the Africans," even
though such a State would be of
great value to the Empire in the
event of a war in which the Union
was neutral—something that
under a Nationalist Government
has to be faced.

Fifty years ago Rhodes played
politics in far-off England for
being "timid" in his African
outlook, and declared: "Government
by the unseen must pass
away."

All Want It

The men attending the Victoria
Falls Conference feel the same
way. They want to build a new
Dominion that will always remain
British, that will always be of
great value and service to the
British people.

The systems of Government of
the three areas that want to
federate are completely different.
Southern Rhodesia has a one-
house Parliament to which only
Europeans can be elected, al-
though the natives can vote.

Northern Rhodesia has a Gov-
ernor assisted by an Executive
and a Legislative Council, to
which some members are elected
and others appointed.

Nyasaland, a Protectorate, has
no elections and the Governor
administers the territory assisted
by an Executive Council. The
three countries are widely divided
in policy, but not so hopelessly
divided as if they were federat-
ing with the Union.

It is not hard to visualise great
things ahead of these three vast,
wealthy territories if the dead
hand of Whitehall were removed.
Southern Rhodesia, with its
self-government, is progressive
and dynamic. Nyasaland is back-
ward and stagnant. Northern
Rhodesia would be the same but
for a handful of non-white ser-
vants, independent of Whitehall
pensions.

Before anything but a very
loose federation can take place
major alterations in the form of
the Governments of the two
Northern territories will be neces-
sary, and for this they must go to
Whitehall for permission.

That might be the snag on
which the Victoria Falls Confer-
ence will be wrecked. In Feb-
ruary 1939 Cecil Rhodes went
from Capetown to Whitehall to
plead for funds for building a
railway through Southern Rhode-
sia to Tanganyika.

He was kept cooling his heels
for months before the "timid"
politicians were persuaded of the
importance of the project. Will
this new African history, about
to be written on the banks of the
Zambesi, repeat the old?

Not that Whitehall's represen-
tatives don't give of their best.
They give their lives in the ser-
vice of these territories on which
the sun is supposed never to set.

For The Many

As part of the Central African
Dominion, Nyasaland could ex-
ploit her scenic beauties unsur-
passed in the world, that are at
present available to very few.

The copper mines in Northern
Rhodesia are among the most
important in the world, but their
output is restricted by poor com-
munications. Southern Rhodesia
has gold, chrome, coal, agriculture,
and great industrial development.

Join the three States together,
and in the lifelines of many who
read this you have a new
Dominion with a great future.

The Central African Dominion
won't be an overnight affair.
Much water will go over the
Falls between the end of the con-
ference and its creation.

Reminders

Today

Casting meeting for "Twelfth
Night," HK Stage Club,
China Fleet Club Theatre.
HK Chamber of Music, concert
of gramophone records, at
HK University, 9.15 p.m.

Star Ferry Company, Limited,
annual general meeting,
Jardine's Board Room, 12
noon.

Whist Drive, European YMCA,
8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Bridge Drive, European YMCA,
8 p.m.
Urban Council meeting, GPO
building, 4.15 p.m.

HK Rotary Club luncheon, Talk
on "A Film Show" by Mr. H.
Odell, Roof Garden, HK Hotel,
12.30 p.m.

St. David's Day Dinner, by St.
David's Society of HK, Roof
Garden, HK Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Wreath laying ceremony by St.
David's Society, at Cenotaph,
8.30 a.m.

Casting meeting for "Twelfth
Night," HK Stage Club, at
China Fleet Club Theatre.

WEDNESDAY
Tee H Club meeting, Talbot
House, 50, Macdonnell Road,
8.30 p.m.

HK Council of Social Services
talk on "Recent Develop-
ments in Industrial Welfare" by
Mrs. M. Allison and Mr.
E.C. Brown, PRO Lecture
room, 5.30 p.m.

THURSDAY
HK Automobile Association, an-
nual general meeting, Roo
Garden, HK Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

Kowloon Chess Club luncheon,
Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong
meeting, Roof Garden, HK
Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Kowloon Chess Club extraor-
dinary general meeting,
Peninsula Hotel, 9.30 p.m.



Funeral of Miss
one of the CPA plane crash
victims.—"China Mail" photo.

Funeral Of CPA Air Crash Victim

A large gathering of friends
and relatives including Flying
Personnel of the Cathay Pacific
Airways attended the funeral
yesterday of Miss Olive Bailey,
CPA air hostess who was one
of the victims of the Dakota
crash on Thursday.

The service was conducted by
C. Percy Smith, the vicar of
Christ Church.

Besides the chief mourners
who included her mother, and
her sister Edith, others present
were Captain Furley, Messrs. M.
Bodder, D.O. Silver, Gardner,
Ribeiro, Val Carnack, Mrs. Egan,
V.L. Spink, and Misses Fer-
nandez, C. Winesky, E. Doran, I.
Forster, Azevedo, L. Castro, I.
Machado, L. Fernandes and many
others.

Many wreaths were sent by
relatives and friends.
Miss O. Bailey was a former
student of the Italian Convent
Hong Kong. About a year before
joining CPA, she was a star vocal
artist with Eddie Guzman and
his Orchestra at the Ritz, where
she was known as "Dolores"
Bailey. She was partly educated
in the Colony and partly in
Shanghai. She was 24 years old.
Miss O. Bailey is survived by
her mother, and three sisters,
one of whom is in Australia.

The service was held at 11
a.m. at Christ Church, and
was broadcast on the radio.

After the service, the body was
taken to the cemetery for burial.

The CPA plane crashed on
Thursday night, and the bodies
were found on Saturday morning.

The plane was carrying 22
passengers and a pilot. Only
one passenger, Miss Bailey, was
killed.

The plane was flying from
Hong Kong to London, and was
on its way to the United Kingdom.

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Bulgarian Pastor Admits Spying

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Pastor Zlapkov said Pastor
Miskov, who was educated in the
United States and had relatives
in England, agreed to supply him
with information for the British.

After this meeting, Pastor
Zlapkov said he was surprised to
receive a visit from Mr. Cyril
Black, of the American Mission,
with whose father he had been
in contact before the war.

Mr. Black told him, he said,
that he did not like his assign-
ment, that Bulgaria was not a
free country and that the new
regime had been established at
the cost of 30,000 victims. When
he told Mr. Black that his last
information was incorrect, Mr.
Black suggested that he might
become a better source of in-
formation, Pastor Zlapkov al-
leged.

Pastor Zlapkov said he agreed
to do this because he had always
been pro-American and had
given information to Mr. Black's
father before the war. He told
the court that he then went to
see Mr. Andrews of the British
Mission in December, 1944, and
told him of his agreement with
Mr. Black.

Mr. Andrews voiced no objec-
tions, "because the British and
American policy in the Balkans
coincided," but, he said, Mr.
Andrews asked that he should
keep the British informed about
all the more important informa-
tion he turned over to the
Americans.

The pastor said that the
Americans did not know of his
work for the British. He again
broke into tears when he said:
"This is how I got into this very
uncomfortable situation when I
was working for two countries
and dividing my loyalty between
the two countries."

He then added that Mr. Black
asked him to supply "particu-
larly military information."

End Of Career

Zlapkov continued, his testi-
mony by saying that he was ar-
rested on November 4. "That was
the end of my espionage career,"
he added. "Why did I do it? After
the liberation we were all afraid
of the Communists. We had no
idea how they would treat us
and what would be their attitude
towards us. We knew about the
first acts of the Russian Revolu-
tion, and we thought they would
be the same here. They were
entirely different."

"I do not want to hide this
from you, that I have been pro-
British and pro-American, but
here and now I want to state
that blood is after all thicker
than water. I am a Bulgarian.
With the Anglo-Americans I first
had spiritual ties, but later these
became espionage ties under the
veil of religion."

Still weeping and wiping his
eyes with his handkerchief, he
said: "This is where I sinned." He
said he did not realise how great
an enemy he was being.
When he compared only Greece
and Bulgaria, he said, "there is
peace and well-being here and
civil war and misery in Greece.
Greece is a base of American im-
perialism. That is why they were
so interested in our production.
We became the tools of the
enemy. We became the weapons
of American imperialism."

"I sold myself to a foreign
power and gave up my people. I
consciously impeded the march
ahead of the new State. No mat-
ter how terrible this trial is for
me, I do not look upon it as a
disaster. It is the end of an old
criminal activity and the begin-
ning of something new and good.
It is a homecoming for me."

The lesson was read by Mr. H.
Owen Hughes and the Rev. P.
Jones read the service.

Mr. R. J. Jones, President of
the St. David's Society was pre-
sent at the service.

A wreath laying ceremony of
the St. David's Society will be
held at the Cenotaph at 8.30 a.m.
tomorrow, and the Annual Din-
ner will be at the Hong Kong
Hotel Roof Garden at 8.30 p.m.

LST Back For Repairs To Damaged Bow

The Philippine LST North
West is back again in dock,
undergoing repairs to her dam-
aged portside bow, sustained
when she struck a rock en
route to North Korea 600 miles
from Hong Kong on February
21.

She left the Colony in the mid-
dle of this month with about 300
tons of local cargo to barter with
the Korean Reds.

The North-West arrived here
late on Saturday night with her
bow in danger of leaking.

She hit a rock at 10.30 p.m. in
thick fog while en route to the
North but was stopped half an
hour later when the tide rose.

The route to Shanghai was
considered dangerous, because it
was feared that the heavy waves
might further batter the damaged
bow, to cause a serious leak. The
ship was also sailing against the
tide.

The master decided to head for
Hong Kong, fighting the tide and
winds unfavourably.

It was reported that a part of
the bow was imbedded to a depth
of about two feet in the hull.

The North West is under survey
by Anderson and Ash.

The ship was, however, was re-
ported safe by the charterers.
She is now at Kowloon Dock-
yard.

The organisation of street
guards for the purpose of self-
protection is being planned by
shops on Queen's Road, the
"China Mail" learnt from au-
thoritative sources yesterday.

In a circular to all shops on
Queen's Road, the Planning
Board says that in these times
of economic depression, there is
always the possibility of un-
favourable events occurring that
would jeopardise industry and
trade.

For the sake of security, mea-
sures must be taken for self-
protection and mutual aid in
case of emergency, the circular
went on to say, and under the
supervision and direction, and
with the approval of the au-
thorities, the organisation of a
corps of street guards will be
doubt be accorded full support
by all proprietors of shops on
this road.

The address of the Board was
given at 287 Queen's Road, Cen-
tral, second floor. Among the
promoters of the scheme are the
Kings Theatre, the Queen's
Theatre, the Commercial Press,
the China Emporium, On Lok
Yuen, the Sun Ying Ming Studio
and the Tai Hang Goldsmiths.
Altogether 30 names of pro-
prietors are enlisted as promoters
of the circular.

Lau Chuen, aged 25, of No. 4
Cross Street, ground floor, took
a dose of sleeping tablets at 9
p.m. last night.

It was said he lost his money
in gambling. He died on the way
to the hospital.

During the past two months
there were made homeless when three
fires broke out in hut settlements
on various sites.

Squatter huts on the old site
of Queen's College at Hollywood
Road and on vacant grounds at
Tai Ping Shan Street, Po Ling
Fong area are awaiting to be
demolished but hut dwellers re-
fuse to leave their huts before they
are pulled down.

According to an official of the
Health Department, the dwellers
were given ample time to vacate
their belongings out of their
sheds before they were pulled
down.

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Scorpions Win Over Optimists

The Intra-Club cricket match
between HKCC "Scorpions"
and HKCC "Optimists" at
Chater Road yesterday result-
ed in a win for the "Scor-
pions" by four wickets.

Taking first lease of the
wicket, the "Optimists" found
runs hard to get, especially
against the deadly bowling of
Frank Howarth, who took six
wickets for 39 runs.

The "Optimists" were given
a good start by Arthy, who
played a great fighting innings
against bowlers of the type of
Pearce, Howarth, Owen Hughes
and Gee. Arthy had 41 to his
credit when he was caught by
Howarth off McLeod.

Oliver (31), Miller (22) and
(16) helped with the scoring, but
the other batsmen collapsed
miserably, with the result that
the "Optimists" were all out for
139 runs.

Murray Brown, who opened for
the "Scorpions" attacked the
bowling confidently and had
scored 64 when he had the mis-
fortune to be given out. How-
arth, veteran Owen Hughes contrib-
uted a useful 22 runs, while Frank
Howarth rounded off a good
day's work by scoring 18.

After scoring the necessary
runs for victory, the "Scorpions"
continued batting and were all
out for 165 runs.

Bailey, who was put on to bowl
somewhat late, gave account of
himself by claiming the wickets
of Leach, Howarth
and Gee for 14 runs.

OPTIMISTS

N.E. Arthy, c Howarth, b 41
McLeod 16
L.D. Kilbee, c and b Gee 9
R.V. Franklin, lbw Howarth 31

F. Thorpe, lbw Howarth 5
G.T. Bailey, b Howarth 4
K.A. Miller, c McLeod, b 22
Owen Hughes 22
R.V. Franklin, b Howarth 2
T.P. Mahon, c Gibbons, b 0

Howarth 1
W.T. Slegner, b Howarth 3
S.S. Erson, not out 8
M.P. Wood, b Owen Hughes 1
Extras 12

Total 139

SCORPIONS

W. Murray Brown, lbw 64
Franklin 22
O.J. Kerr, c Bailey, b Mahon 9
T.A. Pearce, lbw Howarth 13
M. Newton, c Slegner, b 11
Mahon 11
H. Owen Hughes, c Oliver, b 20
Arthy 20
D.H. Leach, c Kilbee, b Bailey 5
F. Howarth, c Arthy, b Bailey 18
I. McLeod, c Slegner, b Erson 2
G. Gibbons, not out 2
F. Gee, b Bailey 7
A.P. Weir, b Slegner 5
Extras 7

Total 165

Bowling Analysis

Howarth 16 4 29 6
Pearce 7 4 20 9
Gee 4 1 14 1
McLeod 4 1 24 1
Murray Brown 2 1 3 1
Weir 2 1 11 2
Owen Hughes 5 1 25 2

Bowling Analysis

Mahon 0 1 40 2
Oliver 3 1 10 1
Arthy 7 1 41 2
Franklin 3 2 26 1
Wood 2 3 3 1
Erson 3 1 7 3
Bailey 3 1 14 3
Kilbee 2 1 13 1
Slegner 1 1 1 1

Squatter Huts
Demolished
In Wanchai

YACHT BUILDER HAS MORE THAN MEMORIES, INTENDS CARRYING ON

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Seventy years ago, a young Chinese dock artisan attracted the attention of visiting officers of the Royal Navy by his ardent interest and skill in handling sailing craft. As a result, whenever dinghies of His Majesty's ships were in need of repairs, young Ah King was sent for when they called at Hong Kong.

Today, the outgrowth of a small "home-made" slipway at the present site of the Victoria Recreation Club, Ah King Slipway, an important landmark of the port of Hong Kong—known to many yachting lovers all over the world.

For three of the sailing craft built at the Colony's only known large-scale yacht building yard have made sailing history.

In 1935 the 40-foot yacht *Romance* sailed from Hong Kong across the Pacific Ocean to Vancouver arriving there without any mishap. The *Romance*, completed after four months at Ah King Slipway, was managed by her owner, Captain Green, former master of the *Empress of Asia*, his son and a Chinese friend.

Estimated to have cost HK\$40,000 (at the current price), the 70-foot long yacht *So Fong* took four months to reach San Francisco from the Colony in 1947. She took six months to be completed.

The third craft built at Ah King Slipway, whose successful trip further spread the already-known fame of the builders, was the *Chang Ho*, a junk-style but yacht-designed craft. Special fittings were sent from America by the owner, believed to be one of the Rockefeller family.

Dr. Fairchild sailed in the *Chang Ho* from Hong Kong through the South Sea Islands in

Singapore XV Arrive

The Singapore United Services Rugby XV arrived at Kai Tak yesterday afternoon and appear to be very fit. The team will have a kick about this morning at Soekunpoo at 10 a.m. and will meet the Club XV at 5 p.m. today on the Club Ground at Happy Valley.

For those who can manage to get away, this game should be well worth watching. Arrangements and prices of admission to the Ground will be the same as for Saturday.

CENTURY BY SIMPSON HELPS MCC

Durban, February 26. Thanks to a fine fighting century by Reginald Simpson, the MCC were able to lead Natal on the first innings by 20 runs with one wicket to fall on the second day of their match here.

At the close of play, the MCC had made 237 for 9 wickets in reply to Natal's total of 217.

Simpson, who opened the innings with Hutton, carried his bat for a splendid 119. With wickets falling at regular intervals, he shouldered the responsibility magnificently.

It was Simpson's third century of the tour. He batted faultlessly during his stay of four and three-quarter hours.

He and Hutton put on 72 for the opening partnership and then with the wicket beginning to take spin, wickets began to fall. Payn, in particular with his left arm, was the most effective and in one over dismissed Bedser, Gladwin and Griffith.

Earlier in the day when the pitch was still easy, Wright smashed off Natal's innings by taking their last two wickets with three balls.

The scoreboard at the end of the second day's play read:

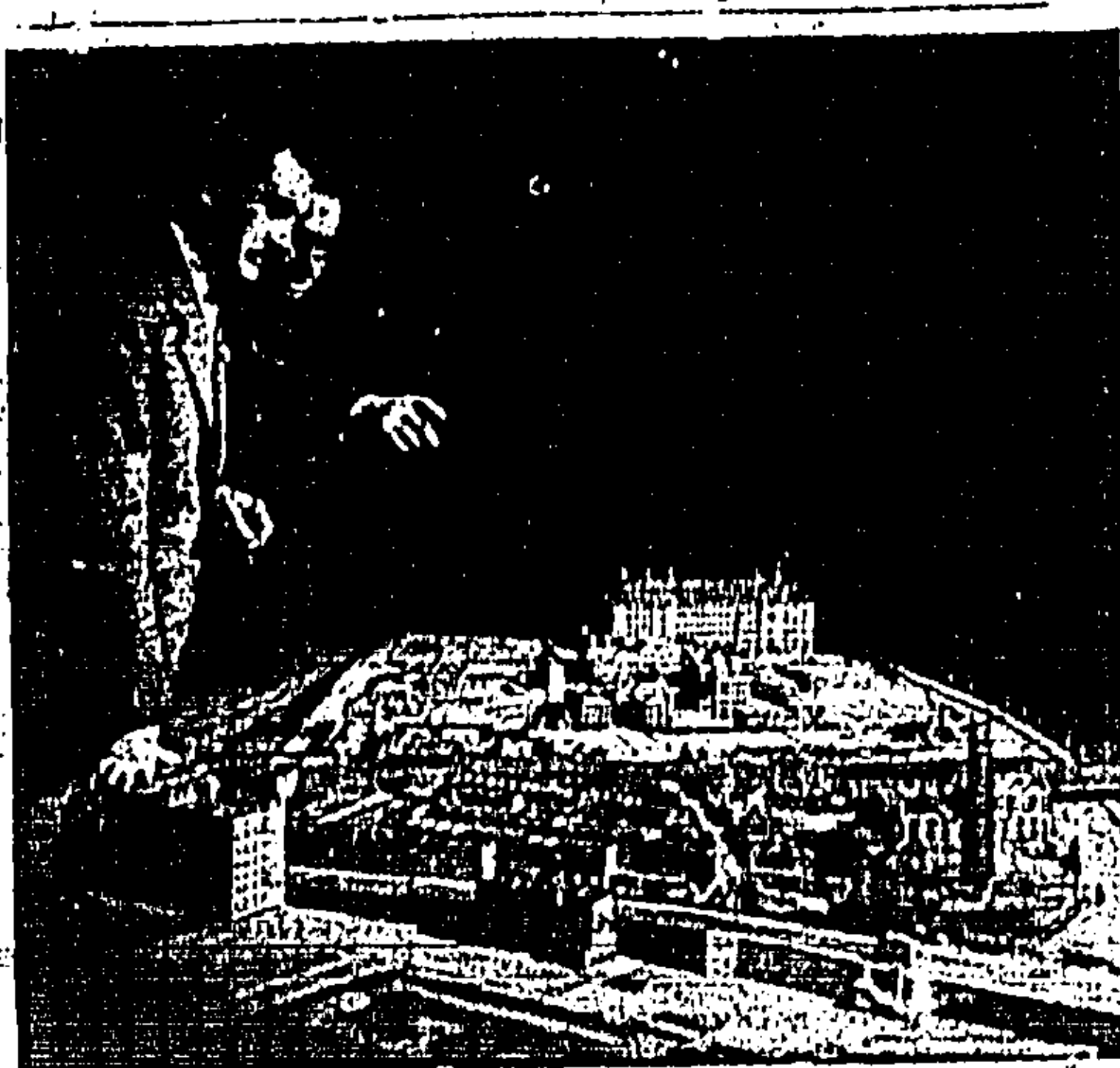
NATAL: First Innings 217
MCC First Innings

Hutton, b Payn 113
Simpson, not out 119
Palmer, c de Gersigny, b Markham 2
Crapp, b Tayfield 17
Mann, st Williams, b Downing 1
Tremlett, b Downing 11
Bedser, b Payn 23
Gladwin, b Payn 0
Griffith, b Payn 0
J. Young, st Williams, b Tayfield 4
Wright, not out 7
Extras 7

Total (for 9) 237

BOWLING O M R W

McCarthy 16 1 44 0
Dawson 0 0 17 0
Payn 24 4 38 4
Tayfield 20 0 48 3
Markham 0 0 50 3
Downing 11 0 36 2



Work started recently on the construction, at a cost of a quarter of a million pounds, of a river wall between County Hall and Waterloo Bridge—first part of the construction scheme for the 1951 Festival of Britain. The river wall will reclaim some 1,700 feet and four and a half acres from the River Thames. When completed, the reclaimed land will form part of the terraced gardens for the Festival. Picture shows the model of the new river wall seen recently at the County Hall, Westminster.

Sangola Finally Makes Port After Fog Delay

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

So near yet so far—that's how about 2,000 people people aboard the ss. *Sangola* felt about Hong Kong when the Peninsula and Oriental steamer was held up outside local waters for five days, entering port late on Saturday. This was the longest delay caused by fog since the Liberation, according to shipping sources.

The *Sangola*, coming from India via the Straits, brought about 1,700 passengers, including Indian artists for the Kamala circus, a group of Gurkhas, Chinese returnees bound for Amoy and 2,000 tons of cargo.

On the way from Singapore, the *Sangola* encountered rough seas, and, to quote several passengers, "it was hell." The majority had to stay in bed throughout the two-day ordeal, feeling sick.

There were 10 Europeans among the 86 first class fares, including Brigadier R.H.D. Johns, Lieutenant Colonel C. G. Burt and Mrs. Burt (disembarking here), Captain R.E.F. Maitland, Mr. Paul Sykes and Mr. J. H. Mills, all bound for Kobe.

Among the unberthed passengers there are more than 1,000 Chinese returnees, bound for Amoy, for which the *Sangola* is due to leave here on Tuesday. Huddled together in the holds, they have improvised scattered camps for themselves. Household paraphernalia, including bicycles, children's toy machines and furniture, were propped up to form barricades, inside which mingled members of the families, from the crying infant to the aged grandmothers.

Mostly natives of Amoy, they were formerly farmers, small-business men and labourers who have survived enough to see their native villages after years of working in the Malay states and Singapore.

Disembarking here to take a ship to Sandakan are nine Indians who are joining the Kamala Circus. Headed by an 82-year-old veteran of two world wars, Mr. H.G. Nair, the party includes four star artists—a rope dancer, a comic cyclist, Sandow the Strong and an acrobat.

Formerly members of the Indian circus, which visited the Colony recently and is now performing in the Philippines, the group left for their respective homes when the circus was at Ceylon. They were recalled and instructed to join the circus at Sandakan, recently.

Natives of Tellicherry, South India, where India derives her circus artists, they began their "sawdust career" when they were children. The comic cyclist, K. Govindan, began gyrating on a bicycle when only six years old. For the past 28 years, he had been with about eight circuses. He has been with the Kamala Circus for eight years already.

Huffy, muscular Sandow, for the past 11 years, has been lifting fabulous weights. He can also feature in acrobatic on a bicycle.

He was also responsible for the building of the *Chang Ho*, So Fong and *Romance*.

"I myself have eight sons now. My brother has three sons and two daughters. So you can see very well that Ah King Slipway will carry on for another century," Ah King remarked.

And not far away, four little boys in dungaree overalls were manning a talk lady under a palm tree, loudly shouting to one another and operating the craft in "make-believe."

"There, you see!" Ah King winked meaningfully.

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Rugby Union Tournery Left Wide Open

London, February 26.

The Rugby Union international championship is left wide open as a result of today's two matches between England and France, at Twickenham, and Scotland and Ireland, at Murrayfield.

Ireland's victory at Murrayfield by two goals, one penalty goal (13 points) to one penalty goal (three points) enable them to move into the lead with Scotland, who suffered their first defeat of the season, with four match-points each.

England scored their first victory since April, 1947, in beating France by one goal, one dropped goal (8 points) to one dropped goal (3 points) at Twickenham. France, who have yet to win at Twickenham, and Wales, have two match-points each.

England's victory which surprised the critics, was mainly due to the fine opportunism of Ivor Preece, who earlier this season had been dropped, but was recalled as captain and stand-off half. Preece was a master in both attack and defence, his kicking and sense of a likely opening, being superb.

The English team showed six changes from the last and was based on experimental lines. Splendid work by the forwards against a much heavier pack, keen marking and steadily lacking, left the 65,000 crowd in no doubt as to the justice of the result.

The fullback Holmes' long kicking was an outstanding feature of the game.

France brought J. Pilon in for M. Terreau at the last minute. Their backs were too prone to orthodox to make much headway, and the wings were checked time after time before they could get into their stride. The visitors' pack was disappointing, although Prat and Sord did their best to pull them together.

Surprise Setback

Scotland's hopes of winning the championship received a surprise setback at Murrayfield, where before a crowd of 80,000 Ireland, the holders, won a hard, if rather scrappy game.

Although Ireland lost to France in Dublin last month, they can still win the triple crown by beating Wales at Swansea in two weeks' time and may yet retain the championship.

Apart from the early phases of the game, Scotland never looked like succeeding. Their forwards failed to hold the fiery Irishmen in the loose and this factor more than anything else brought about the Scots' downfall.

All the Irish team played splendidly with McCarthy, who scored both tries, a vigilant wing forward, and North at fullback, perhaps the outstanding man of the match by landing all the goals. Norton brought his total of points in three internationals this season to 24.

Alliance was Scotland's scorer. Cannell scored England's try, which Holmes converted in five minutes. Preece dropped a goal in the second half. Alvarez dropped France's only goal in the latter stages of the game.—Reuter.

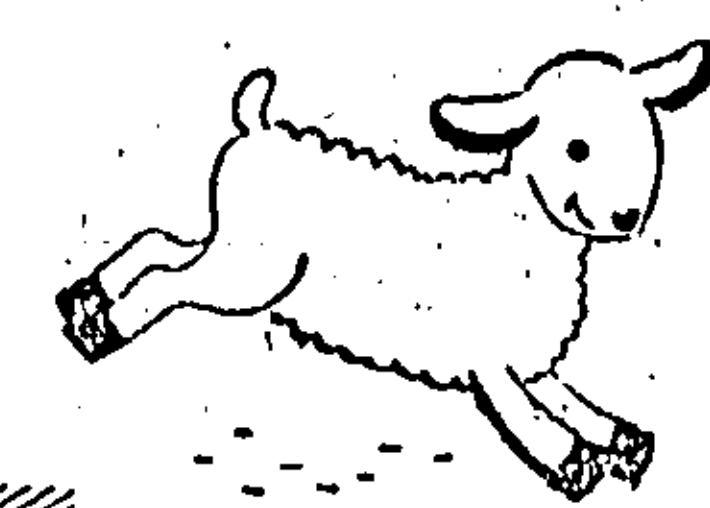
Results Of Home Rugby Games

London, February 26.
The following are results of rugby matches played today:

Union: London Scottish 17 Cambridge University 3. Old Paulines 11 Aldershot Services 5. Richmond 12 Old Merchant Taylors 18. St. Mary's Hospital 6 London Welsh 6. St. Thomas's Hospital 5 United Services, Portsmouth 5 Middlesex Hospital 5 Nuneaton 6 Edinburgh University 6 Harwick 6. Edinburgh Wanderers 8 Kelso 6. King's College, London 19 Royal Veterinary College 3. Barnsley 3 Devonport Services 0. Bath 13 Wasps 8. Birkenhead Park 11 Waterloo 30. Birmingham 3 Aberllyn 3. Bradford 8 Rosslyn Park 10. Coventry 6 RAF 3. Cross Keys 3 Weston-super-Mare 3. Exeter 20 Redruth 3. Gloucester 6 Cardiff 8. Llanelli 3 Aberavon 6. Manchester 3 Liverpool 14. Newbridge 0. Newport 20 Blackheath 3. Northampton 9 Leicester 3. Notts 19 Rugby 8. Penarth 3 Pontypool 8. Plymouth Albion 0 Bedford 9 Royal Navy 14 Harlequins 11. Sale 3 Moseley 3. Swansea 21 Bristol 13. Maestor 5 Bridgend 3.

League: Cup, first round, second leg replay: Leigh 4 Wigton 10 (Leigh eliminated).

Club matches: Barrow 19 Rochdale Hornets 6. Batley 7 Bradford Northern 12. Bramley 4 Dewsbury 10. Castleford 8 York 2. Halifax 4 Warrington Town 4. Hull Kingston Rovers 17 Leeds 20. Liverpool Stanley 3 Featherstone Rovers 3. Salford 12 Belle Vue Rangers 3. St. Helens 8 Swinton 11. Wakefield Trinity 30 Hull 4. Warrington 34 Oldham 12. Whitehaven 3 Keighley 3.—Reuter.

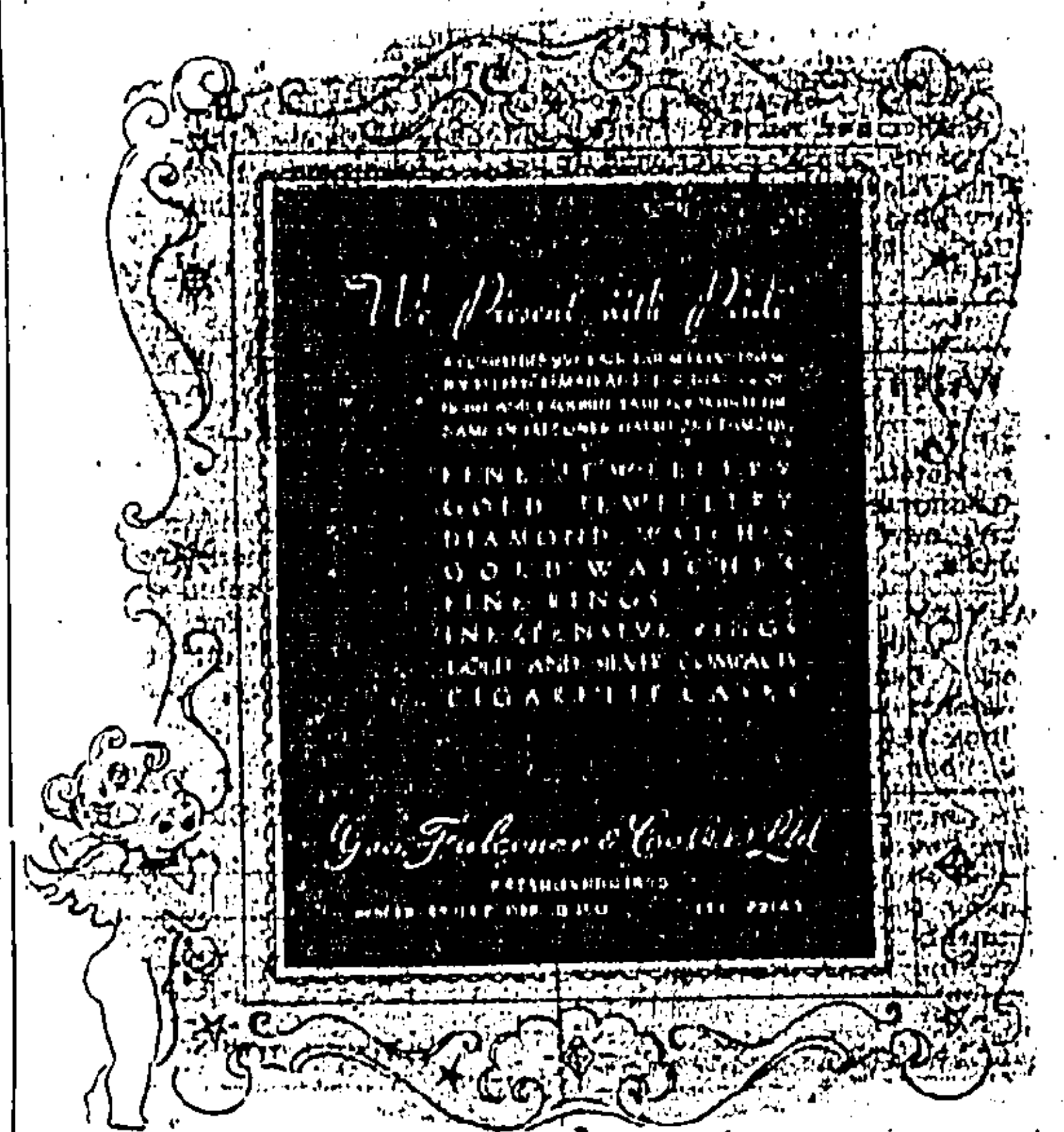


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ATLANTIC PACT WILL COMMIT U.S. TO ACTION AGAINST AGGRESSOR

London Denies Cairo Report

London, February 26. A British Foreign Office spokesman today denied a Cairo newspaper report that Britain is proposing to withdraw troops from the Suez Canal if Egypt signs a treaty with the Western Bloc.

"The story is untrue," the spokesman said. "No such proposal is being drafted."

He said that Britain has always been willing to seek a new treaty with Egypt to guarantee a "reasonable measure of security" for the Middle East. — Associated Press.

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Cotton Goods Competition

London, February 26. Mr. L. D. Gammons, Conservative Member of Parliament, said in London today that he was convinced, following a visit to the Far East, that neither the Government nor the people of Britain realised that Japanese competition in cotton goods was likely to be "far fiercer than it was before the war."

Japan, he said, has Korea, Formosa, her shipping or her engineering to support her and it is upon textiles that she must concentrate. Mr. Gammons told a Conservative meeting. — Reuter.

Mayhew Claims Refuted

London, February 26. Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, tonight repudiated a statement by Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, at Lake Success last Wednesday in which Mr. Mayhew told the United Nations Economic and Social Council that Britain had "long passed the recovery stage" and did not need as much aid as that proposed for the second full year of the European Recovery Programme.

Sir Stafford said in a statement that Mr. Mayhew had suggested that recovery in the United Kingdom was now complete. Doubts had been expressed in the United States whether in these circumstances Britain needed the proposed aid of \$940,000,000.

"In fact," the Chancellor said, "recovery in the United Kingdom is not complete and its achievement is dependent upon the continuation of American assistance."

British production was now substantially above the pre-war levels of production but she would need next year food, goods and services from the Western Hemisphere valued at more than \$1,000 million in excess of the dollars she could hope to earn.

"Continuation of American assistance is therefore a vital element in our progress towards full recovery," the statement declared. "Moreover, aid to Britain is essential not only to our own recovery but also to the recovery of Western Europe."

A setback in the recovery of Britain would inevitably react directly upon the recovery of Western Europe as a whole. — Reuter.

of the Greeks to hold a meeting and settle this incident." — Mr. Lie sent the complaint to the Special Committee on the Balkans. — United Press.

Bomb Drops In Bulgaria

Lake Success, February 25.

Bulgaria has protested to the United Nations against the dropping of a bomb by Greek planes on Bulgarian territory on January 20, the Secretary General of the United Nations (Mr. Trygve Lie) disclosed today.

A cablegram from the Bulgarian Foreign Minister, Mr. Vassil Kolarev, said five Greek planes bombing a Greek village dropped one bomb about 50 metres inside the frontier line. The missile did not explode.

The message said Bulgaria protested to the Greek frontier authorities, who referred the complaint to a frontier post which no longer existed.

Mr. Kolarev added: "I protest emphatically against this violation of Bulgarian territory and against this lack of goodwill on the part

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Armed Gang Raids Indian Installations

Calcutta, February 26.

A gang of armed youths killed at least five people, including two policemen and wounded seven others, in attacks today on the Dum Dum airport, an ammunition factory, a British engineering firm and two police outposts near Calcutta.

The attackers threw bombs at the sentries at the airport, and fired at aircraft on the aerodrome and at everyone in their path. None of the airport valuables were taken.

The attack on the ammunition factory, a few hundred yards from the airport, was made by a lone raider.

A factory sentry was injured as he returned the attacker's fire.

The foreman of the British engineering company attacked, Jessop and Company, was stabbed to death and his assistant was wounded. The charred bodies, which were not immediately identified, were later found in the factory's furnace. Two Company officers, believed to be Europeans, were missing.

After leaving the airport, the armed gang drove to Dourlaur, about ten miles away, where they raided a police outpost and captured some arms.

Then moving on to Basirhat, little over 50 miles East of Calcutta, they attacked a second police station, killing at least

two constables. Other policemen captured two of the gang. The new emergency police regulations were enforced throughout the province as news of the attacks spread.

A communique on the raid issued by the West Bengal Government tonight said that four officers of Jessop and Company were still missing.

It was confirmed tonight that a company official was stabbed to death, another was wounded and two charred bodies were found in the works' furnace.

A bomb was thrown into the office of the works' manager, and there were other explosions, the communique said.

In their raid on the police outpost at Basirhat, the attackers looted and fired the building before they left.

Some of the attackers were believed to be wounded in an exchange of fire with the police. — Reuter.

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As we have said before, there is a lot of genuine disinterest and generosity in the relief programmes to Europe, but most of those who pull the strings know that it is exceedingly to the benefit of the United States that war-torn countries abroad should be able to buy the products of America, particularly now when a slight dent in the prosperity spiral has been noted, and many commodities prices are on the downgrade. It is obvious to even the feeblest-minded student of economics that if the U.S. will not buy from the rest of the world a fifth of what she wants to export, and if there is no other means for them to buy dollars (convertibility in London still being suspended), there is only one way for her to avoid depression and that is by foreign loans. This is not sound economics, of course, but the steel, tobacco, grain and motion picture magnates see no other alternative at the moment.

Further, even those who do not have an axe to grind know that it is in America's interest to have a thriving European back on its feet, which can pay hard cash for goods from across the Atlantic—and the quickest way to do that is by giving aid now. This does not mean that many honest persons have not had doubts about the way loans have been spent, or the fact that Britain especially such assistance has been used to further their political systems far

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Republicans May Refuse More Definite Terms Needed For Agreement

Batavia, February 26. Informed sources in Batavia predicted today that the exiled Republican leaders will never accept the invitation for a Round Table discussion at the Hague unless it is couched in more definite terms than those of Dr. Boel's statement today.

Karen Advance Halted

Rangoon, February 26. Karens advancing upon Mandalay, the second largest city in Burma, are cut off from their main base at Meiktila, the North Burma Army headquarters that they occupied last Sunday, it was officially stated today.

Their advance was halted at Myittha, seven miles South of Mandalay where they face annihilation by a government encircling movement.

Meanwhile, more reinforcements are being rushed to Mandalay.

A Myittha, recaptured army centre 40 miles to the North, mopping up operations are in progress.

While Government troops seek to stabilise the North Burma front, the Karens, supported by the Communists, are renewing their activity to the South. A Government Communiqué said that 200 Karens and Communists attacked Daka on the Rangoon Mandalay railway eight miles from Rangoon. It said that 30 rebels were killed in a four-hour battle in which seven civilians were also killed. At the road and rail junction of Pegu, 50 miles from Rangoon, the communists reported that a strong concentration of hostile Karens are forcibly collecting arms from local people.

It was officially stated that Government troops were preparing to attack Kangadun, a hamlet on the outskirts of the Delta rice town of Bussien. It added that during a Communist attack upon Myitthaung, an army base to the North of Akyab, on the West coast, 40 Communists were killed and 10 captured.

Armoured squadrons today supported foot-slogging regulars in a dawn attack upon Seminary Hill, the crumbling Karen fortress at Insein where the fighting is entering its fourth week. Government reports said that the Karens are making no progress. According to reports, a twin-engine bomber later bombed and strafed the area as well as the adjacent Christian cemetery where the Karens are entrenched. Associated Press.

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The pertinent question of whether the Dutch still consider Dr. Soekarno and Dr. Hatta merely as individuals or as representatives of the Republican government is still left unanswered.

Sources close to the United Nations Commission in Batavia said that the Commission will not join the Round Table talks unless both parties desire it. No officials allow themselves to be quoted, but the general reaction to the Boel statement is that it is vague, especially with regard to the long-awaited official resolution on the Security Council resolution of January 28.

The Commission which was invited to Batavia for a meeting today is going ahead with its own report on the progress of setting up a new federal government. The report is expected to be cable to the Security Council on Monday or Tuesday.

The Security Council resolution called upon the Commission to make recommendations for settling difficulties if no agreement is reached before the March 15 target date for the Federal Interim Government.

The Commission has asked for a two-week delay, making March 1 the latest deadline for a recommendation.

Observers said that because Boel's statement did not call for Round Table discussions to start before March 12, it was not possible to see how the Interim Government could be formed on March 15. Invitations for the Round Table Conference have been extended to all parties concerned. The United Nations Committee for Indonesia has been informed that the Netherlands will welcome the Committee's presence at the Conference in order to enable it to render its assistance. To facilitate a prompt beginning of the discussions and in order to comply with the terms of the Security Council resolution on this point, the government decided to lift the remaining restrictions on the liberty of movement of the Republican leaders and to consult with them concerning their wishes as to their future residence.

Dutch Statement

Following is the text of today's Dutch government statement on the Indonesian question:

The Netherlands government is convinced that in order to reach a satisfactory solution of the pending problems, an accelerated transfer of its sovereignty over Indonesia to a representative Federal government is indicated.

The Netherlands government has, therefore, decided to endeavour to effectuate this transfer considerably earlier than at the date of July 1, 1950 which, in accordance with the previous plans of the Netherlands government, has been laid down in the resolution of the Security Council of January 28, 1949 as the ultimate date for the transfer of sovereignty.

It is clear that the achievement of this endeavour along the most desirable lines requires the sincere and energetic co-operation of all parties concerned. The Netherlands government is of the opinion that the common purpose eagerly aimed at justified the confidence that all parties

will show their readiness to co-operate.

In the desire to facilitate a prompt beginning of the discussions for a speedy creation of the sovereign United States of Indonesia and in order to fulfil the terms of the resolution of the Security Council on this point, the Netherlands government has decided to lift the remaining restrictions on the liberty of movement of the Republican leaders and to consult with them concerning their wishes as to their future residence and the arrangements which will have to be made in this respect.

Effective Discussions

For the furtherance of effective discussions, the Netherlands government has decided to take the initiative for the convocation of a Round Table Conference at the Hague at the earliest date, that is, on March 12, 1949.

The purpose of this conference will be to discuss the conditions for and the ways along which the earliest possible transfer of sovereignty as indicated above could be effectuated. The simultaneous establishment of the Netherlands Indonesian Union and the arrangements for the intermediary period, including the creation of a Federal Interim Government, these provisions being considered in their relation to the accelerated transfer of sovereignty.

The Netherlands government is prepared to consider together with the parties concerned the merits of any proposed solution put forward at the conference by any of the parties and to examine in how far it is compatible with its responsibility.

In accordance with this purpose the Netherlands government has extended invitations for the Round Table Conference to all parties concerned. The United Nations Committee for Indonesia has been informed that the Netherlands government will welcome the Committee's presence at this conference in order to enable it to render its assistance.

The interim period between the time of agreement and actual transfer should be as short as possible. The entire procedure should take only a few months. Indicating the sooner the Dutch get out of Indonesia the better, van Kieffens said. "It is not necessary that all details will be worked out on the date of the transfer of sovereignty but an agreement on the main principal points should have been obtained to such an extent that a settlement of the remaining points after the transfer of sovereignty will not encounter insurmountable difficulties."

The Ambassador also stressed these points:

1. The invitation to all Indonesian leaders is unconditional and they can decide on their own delegations and voting procedure.

2. The settlement must be unanimously agreed to by all parties if it is to be effective.

3. Since the Indonesians will take over before elections are held, the new Government should be sufficiently representative so

Burma Not To Attend

Rangoon, February 26. Burma will not attend Monday's New Delhi conference in its initial stage, it was officially stated today. According to a statement representation, if necessary, will later come from the Burmese Embassy at New Delhi, a Foreign Office announcement on the New Delhi discussions regarding the Burmese situation said.

The Burma government originally sought direct financial assistance by loan from Britain. It said the government petitioned for a loan in conjunction with Commonwealth governments if direct aid from Britain was not possible. It added that these governments agreed to discuss the question at a joint conference. Associated Press.

Republican Leaders To Be Freed

The Hague, February 26. Holland is to set free immediately the Republicans now held in Indonesia, it was officially announced at The Hague today.

She has also speeded up plans for the transfer of sovereignty in Indonesia to the Interim Federal Government.

The Dutch Government intends to hold a round table conference on this question at The Hague on March 12 at the earliest, a communiqué stated. Invitations have already been sent to all parties concerned, and to the United Nations Commission for Indonesia.

Efforts will be made to carry out the transfer of sovereignty considerably earlier than the "deadline" date of July 1, 1950, laid down in a Security Council resolution.

The conference will deal with "the simultaneous establishment of The Netherlands-Indonesian Union and the arrangements for the intermediary period, including the creation of a Federal Interim Government, these provisions being considered in their relation to the accelerated transfer of sovereignty."

The Indonesian leaders to be released unconditionally include the Republican President Soekarno, interned since the Dutch started their "police action" against Republican-held territory last December.

Others detained at the same time as Dr. Soekarno were Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, the President's personal adviser, Dr. Mohamed Hatta, Prime Minister, Mohamad Roem, Home Minister, and Hadji Salim, Foreign Minister.

Indonesian Republican sources said today that they must have intensive consultations with the federalists and the United Nations Commission before deciding their attitude to the Dutch communiqué.

A leading Republican said: "If the proposed conference is a method of implementing the Security Council resolution, our attitude towards it may be favourable, but if it is to be the means of avoiding the resolution, nothing will come of it."

Another prominent Republican commented: "We will have to discover if the (U.S.) State Department is backing this. We may have to review the whole situation."

According to a Aneta, Dutch news agency, despatch from Batavia a number of Indonesian Republican political prisoners were released by the Dutch authorities tonight. Reuter.

It can carry out its commitments under the agreement.

4. The Netherlands will help the new state for a short time but only on request. Associated Press.

RANGOON ISOLATED BY REBEL POCKETS

London, February 26. Rangoon, capital of Burma, stands "virtually isolated" from the rest of the country by rebel pockets established along all communication lines, according to official reports received by the Foreign Office today.

Officials said that the six-nation conference called by Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru for February 28 would "explore whether the Commonwealth countries can usefully assist in terminating the civil war in Burma."

The officials disclosed that Britain has already given financial assistance to the Burmese government and part of this was extended on the purchase of British arms and ammunition.

"Today, it was conceded that in view of the Burmese government's precarious position, money alone could not provide the complete answer to the present difficulties."

According to official statements, Monday's conference would be mainly concerned with the procurement of Burma's rice crop through purchases financed by India, Pakistan and Ceylon, but today's reports from Burma prompted considerable doubts whether the Burmese Government in the present military situation could ship any quantities which may be financed. It was anticipated therefore that both India and Pakistan would urge for more direct action to "restore confidence in the Burmese government."

It was understood that India and Pakistan would urge the six Commonwealth countries to intercede in Burma with the object of persuading the government to accede to the Karens' demand for a separate state within the Burmese Union. It was also stressed that Monday's conference did not signify the Commonwealth support for the Karens although it was known that there was wide Parliamentary sympathy for the Karens cause.

The sole object of the New Delhi conference, official sources said, was to effect an early end to the confusion in Burma which was "prejudicial to the security of South East Asia as a whole." Indian sources said that Premier Nehru's initiative in proposing the conference re-emphasised his determination to end Communism from South East Asia. United Press.

Navy Produces Something New

London, February 25. Aircraft carriers with flexible flight decks and carrier-based jet fighters without landing gear were described by the Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm today.

A Navy statement reveals that experiments have been carried out for the past eight months on a carrier fitted with a rubberised deck. A Vampire jet fighter minus landing gear took off and landed successfully on the 13,000-ton carrier Warrior. The jet was catapulted from the deck of the carrier and landed on a special skid substitute for the conventional landing gear.

Navy experts say that the elimination of heavy undercarriages from Navy fighters greatly improved their performance. United Press.

American Proposal Desired

Washington, February 27. Netherlands Ambassador, Mr. E. N. van Kieffens, suggested on Saturday that an American proposal for the make up of an Indonesian Government be used as a starting point in the proposed round table conference between Dutch and Indonesian leaders.

The US proposal calls for one third representation in the Government by territories which have been trying to set up a Dutch-opposed Republic, and two thirds by territories which have gone along with the Dutch-backed federation plan.

It was made initially by Merle Cochran, US delegate on the United Nations Conciliation Commission which has been trying for months to bring about an agreement between the two parties.

At a news conference, van Kieffens also emphasised the principal minority groups in Indonesia should have "appropriate representation" and "in proportion to their significance."

One of the main minority groups is the Chinese, who number around 1,125,000.

The Ambassador stressed that at the proposed conference the Dutch Government "wishes to put no plan on the table on the basis of take it or leave it."

This applies, he said, to the proposed union between the Netherlands and the United States of Indonesia under the Dutch crown.

He said the union will be set up in "voluntary common consultation" so "both partners in it will find their interests reflected in the terms to be adopted."

The only limitation is that the union's constitution will have to be ratified by the Netherlands Parliament, the Ambassador added. Associated Press.

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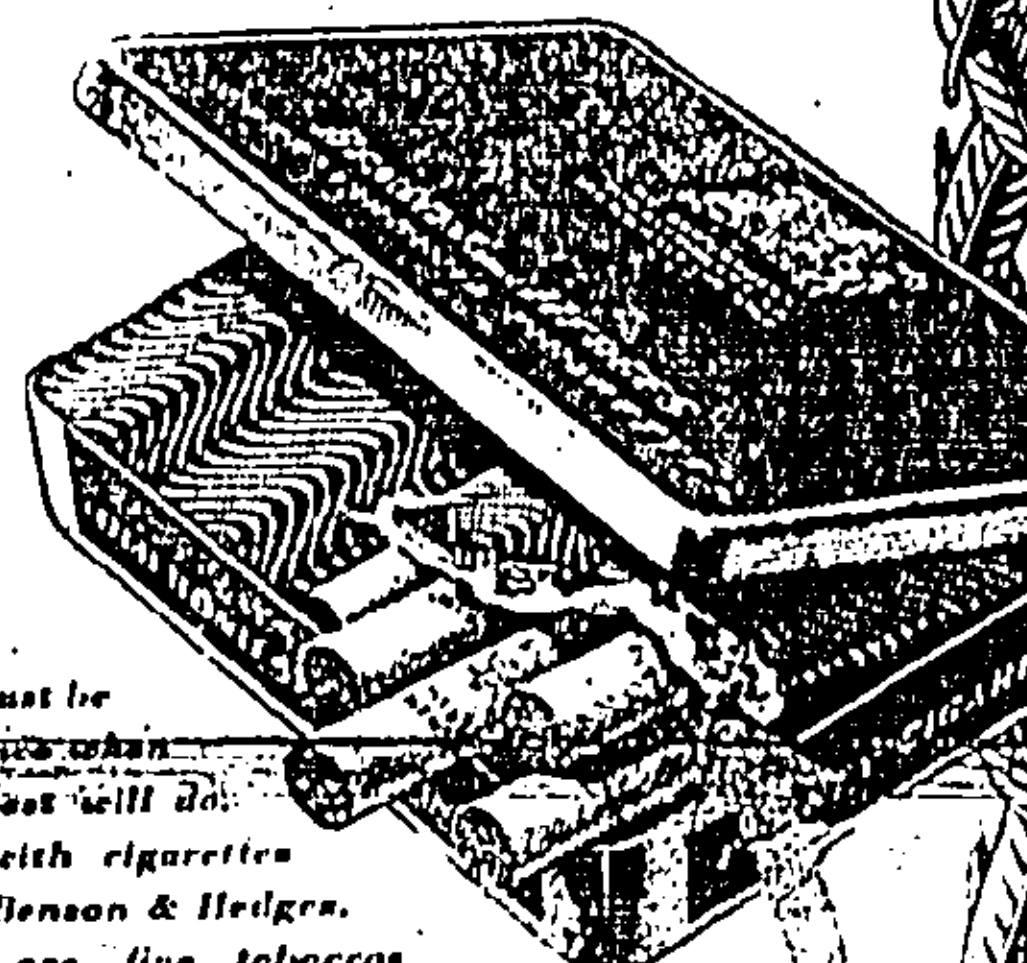
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Chiang Completely Retired From Politics

Shanghai, February 27.

General Tang En-po, commander of the Nationalist armies in the Nanking-Shanghai area who will have the job of defending the vital area if China's civil war is to be continued, told the United Press today that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is completely and fully retired from the political and military scene in China.

General Tang—who is in a position to know—said the reports that Chiang Kai-shek "is still running things" through daily contact with various military or administrative officials were not true and without foundation.

United Nations Not Successful

Baltimore, Maryland, February 27.

The United Nations has not been, and will not be, successful, until it has a military force to back up its political decisions, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt says. The widow of President Franklin D. Roosevelt told 900 women that "from a political standpoint, the United Nations has not proved very successful."

Mrs. Roosevelt said that before the UN can function effectively the 58 members must:

1. Agree to mutual inspection of industries.
2. Contribute to a common military organization to back up rulings of the majority.
3. Reduce their national military establishments to police force size.—Associated Press.

Reds In U.S. Face Trial Soon

New York, February 26. The actual trial of the 11 Communist leaders will begin next Wednesday ending their six weeks of "stalling tactics" which failed to quash the trial jury panel and void their indictment. Federal Judge Harold Medina today ordered the defendants to prepare themselves for actual trial on Wednesday. He said he was convinced they failed to prove their constitutional rights to a fair trial had been denied. The defendants have sought to prove juries are selected exclusively

ly from the "wealthy executive class" of White Christians. Three jury officials testified yesterday that large numbers of Negroes, Jews, manual workers, women and poor have been called for jury service.

The communists are being prosecuted for conspiracy to teach and advocate the overthrow of government by force. They were indicted last December.—United Press.

Peiping Reds Close Papers

Shanghai, February 26.

The Chinese Communist radio said today that two Peiping newspapers, the World Daily and the World Evening Post which have been "trying to disguise themselves as progressive" since the Red occupation were closed yesterday by the Military Control Committee. The radio claimed that before the Communist change-over the two papers "led the way" of slandering the people's liberation movement, twisting facts and suppressing truth.

The radio said that the papers' suspension were ordered to "deprive counter-revolutionary elements of the freedom of speech and publication"—United Press.

China Pressing For Support From U.S.

Washington, February 27.

China is pressing a four months old plea for a formal statement of American support for the Nationalists, Diplomatic authorities reported yesterday.

They said there appears as little likelihood it will be issued now as when Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek addressed the plea to President Harry Truman last Fall. Presumably it has been revived by Ambassador Wellington Koo in talks with Secretary of State Dean Acheson and other officials.

The idea of a statement of sympathy and support also has the backing of some of the Republican Congressmen who had a closed-door session with Mr. Acheson on Thursday on the overall subject of "American policy toward China."

Chiang, in his letter to Mr. Truman, asked for such a statement to stiffen resistance of the Nationalist against the Communist advance. General George Marshall, then Secretary, and other advisers were told to the idea because of a belief "that a statement would be in effect a binding commitment to back the Nationalists."

Mr. Acheson made plain to the Republican Congressmen that the present American policy is still to wait until the dust settles in China before deciding whether the United States should provide more aid or take other measures. Meanwhile, the State Department's plan is to keep shy of a commitment which might compromise any future course.

Whether to ask Congress for more China aid funds before the present appropriation expires on April 5 is still under study, officials said. One proposal is merely to request authority to use unexpended funds.

The US\$125,000,000 which Congress last year made available for military help to the Nationalists is virtually gone. However, a third or more of the US\$275,000,000 voted for economic help may be left over because the Economic Co-operation Administration cut back the aid programme when the Communists overran North China. A US\$70,000,000 fund for reconstruction was pigeonholed and some wheat and cotton shipments halted.

Madame Chiang, who took a dramatic plea for new American aid to Mr. Truman personally last Autumn, has gone into eclipse since her husband turned over active direction of the Nanking regime to his Vice President. She has been living recently at the home of her sister, Madame H. H. Kung, at Riverdale, New York.—Associated Press

No Answer From Consul

Moscow, February 27.

The American Embassy is making extensive inquiries about its Consul General, Mr. Angus Ward, at Mukden. He last was in touch with the State Department on November 18.

Mr. Ward had 10 members of the Consulate staff with him when his link with the U.S. was severed by entrance of Chinese Communist troops.

(A State Department official said in Washington on Thursday Mr. Ward had not been heard from in a "long time.") His radio transmitter was closed down after the Communist took over the Manchurian city.

The Soviet Ministry of Communications said it has no telephone or telegraph wires to Mukden. Letters the Embassy sent have been accepted but it is not known whether Mr. Ward received them. No answer has been received.

The Embassy has asked the Soviet Foreign Office to help. The Russians said they would be glad to but there are no communications.—Associated Press.

France Not To Return Russians

Paris, February 26.

France has refused to return to the Russians as war criminals three Soviet nationals in Paris to testify in the libel case of author Victor Kravchenko against a French Weekly, it was learned today.

It was reported that the French note said the request for extradition should be addressed to the occupation authorities in Germany.

Two of the witnesses, the note was quoted as saying, returned to the American zone of Germany on February 8 and 21 while the third is due to return today to Lindau in the French zone.

Their names were given as Ivan Trigorietch, Kravchenko, Andreievitch Pashchik and Nicolas Fedorovich Antonov.

Kravchenko, author of "I Chose Freedom," is suing the pro-Communist "Les Lettres Francaises" for a million francs, the newspaper said he did not write the book's account of the conditions in Russia. The witnesses were brought to Paris to testify that the conditions are as the book describes them.

The note concluded: "The French government does not doubt that the French Commander-in-Chief in Germany will give the greatest attention to the examination of the case submitted to him by the Soviet authorities as he was already done numerous times when so requested by the Allied States."—Associated Press.

Garbett Scheme For Jerusalem

York, February 25.

International control of Jerusalem to make it an oasis for Christian, Jew and Moslem is advocated by the Archbishop of York, Dr. Cyril Garbett.

Writing in his current monthly Diocesan letter, the Archbishop urges the British Government to seek provision for Arab refugees from Palestine and an international administration for Jerusalem.

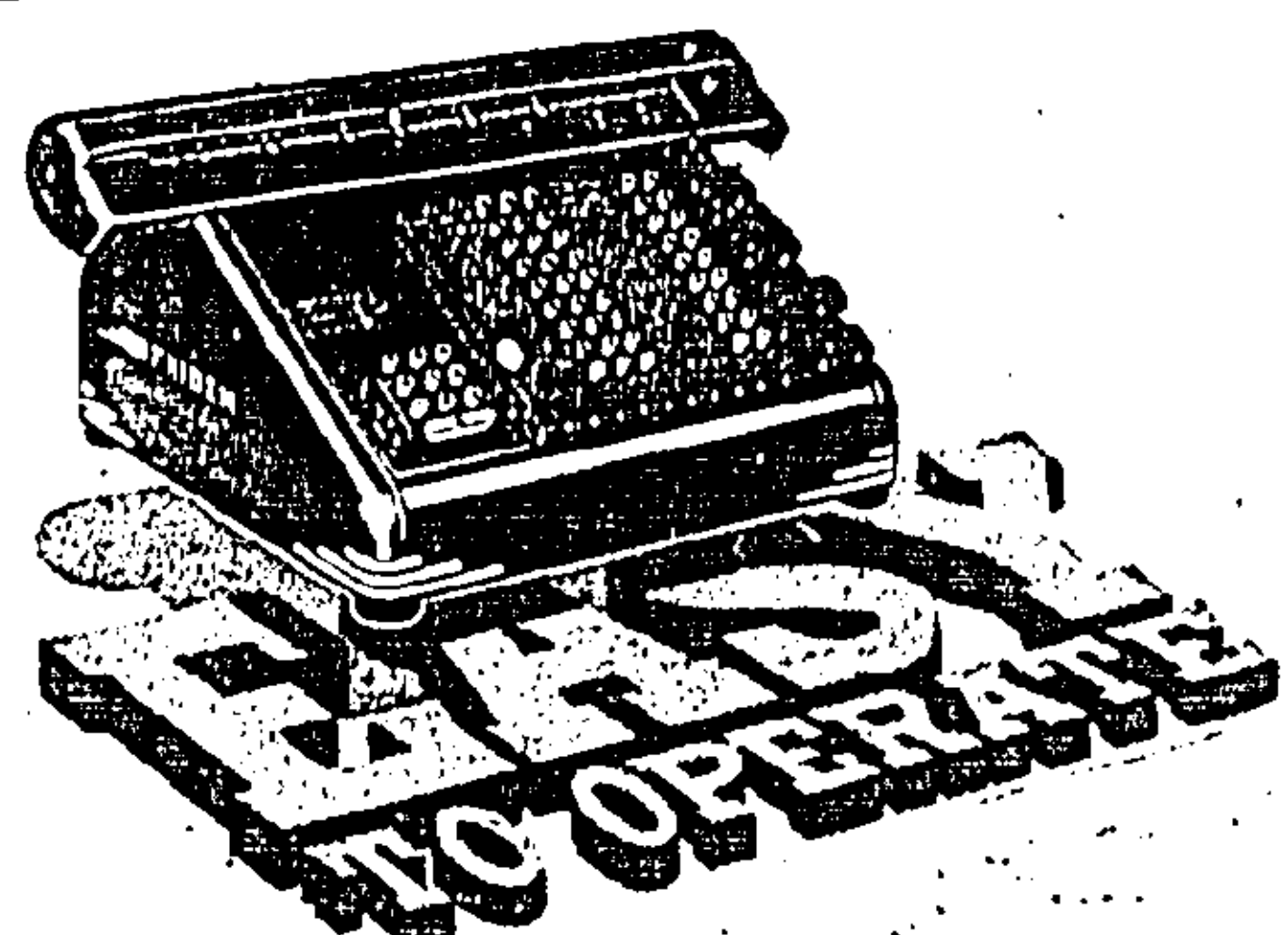
Dr. Garbett said that the 750,000 homeless and destitute Arabs feel as deeply their expulsion from their homes as the people in our villages would feel if they were suddenly evicted and their cottages and gardens handed over to the Jews from the rest of Europe.

"To allow them to be expelled from the country they have occupied for 1,000 years would be a crime against humanity and would leave behind a legacy of hate and a passionate desire for revenge," he declared.

Dr. Garbett said the Jews at one time agreed to the international administration of Jerusalem, but are now claiming both the new and old parts of the city.

Referring to the Christian churches and shrines in the New City, the Archbishop said: "Those who hold new Jerusalem would control the ancient city. No pilgrim could enter its gates without their permission."

"The rulers of Israel, however desirous they may be to protect from sacrilege the places most sacred to the Christian, have shown themselves unable to control their followers. Many churches and convents have been desecrated, their pictures and images destroyed and the figures of Christ torn from the crosses and defiled."—Reuter.

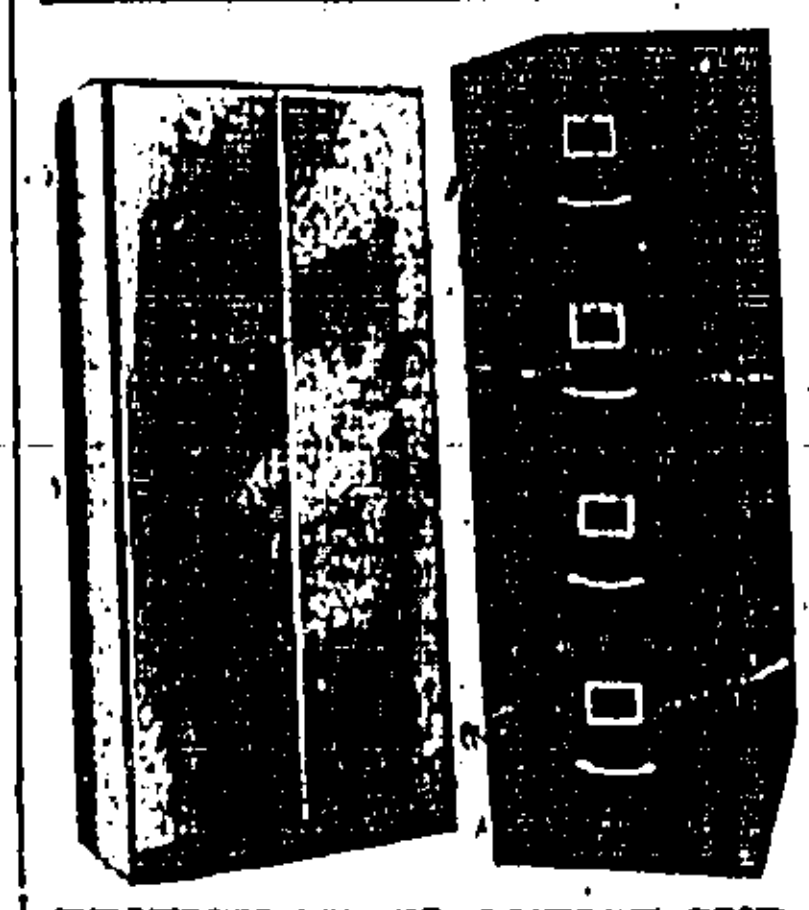


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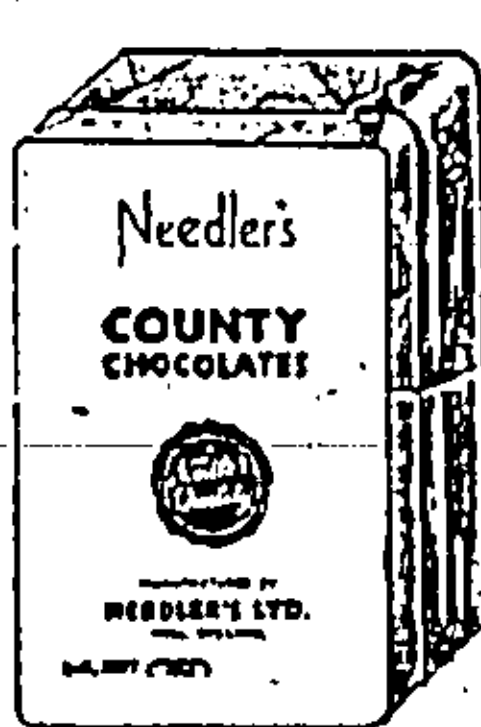
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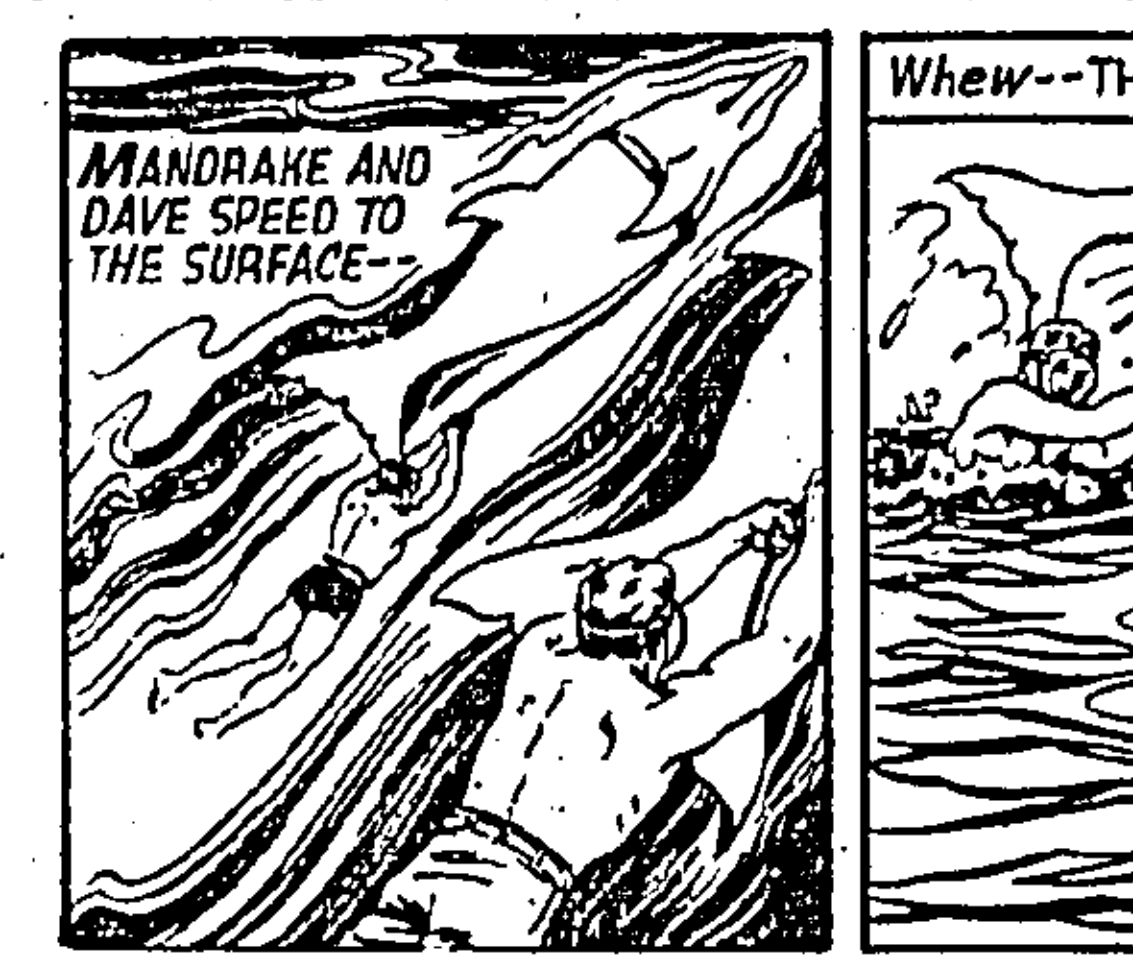
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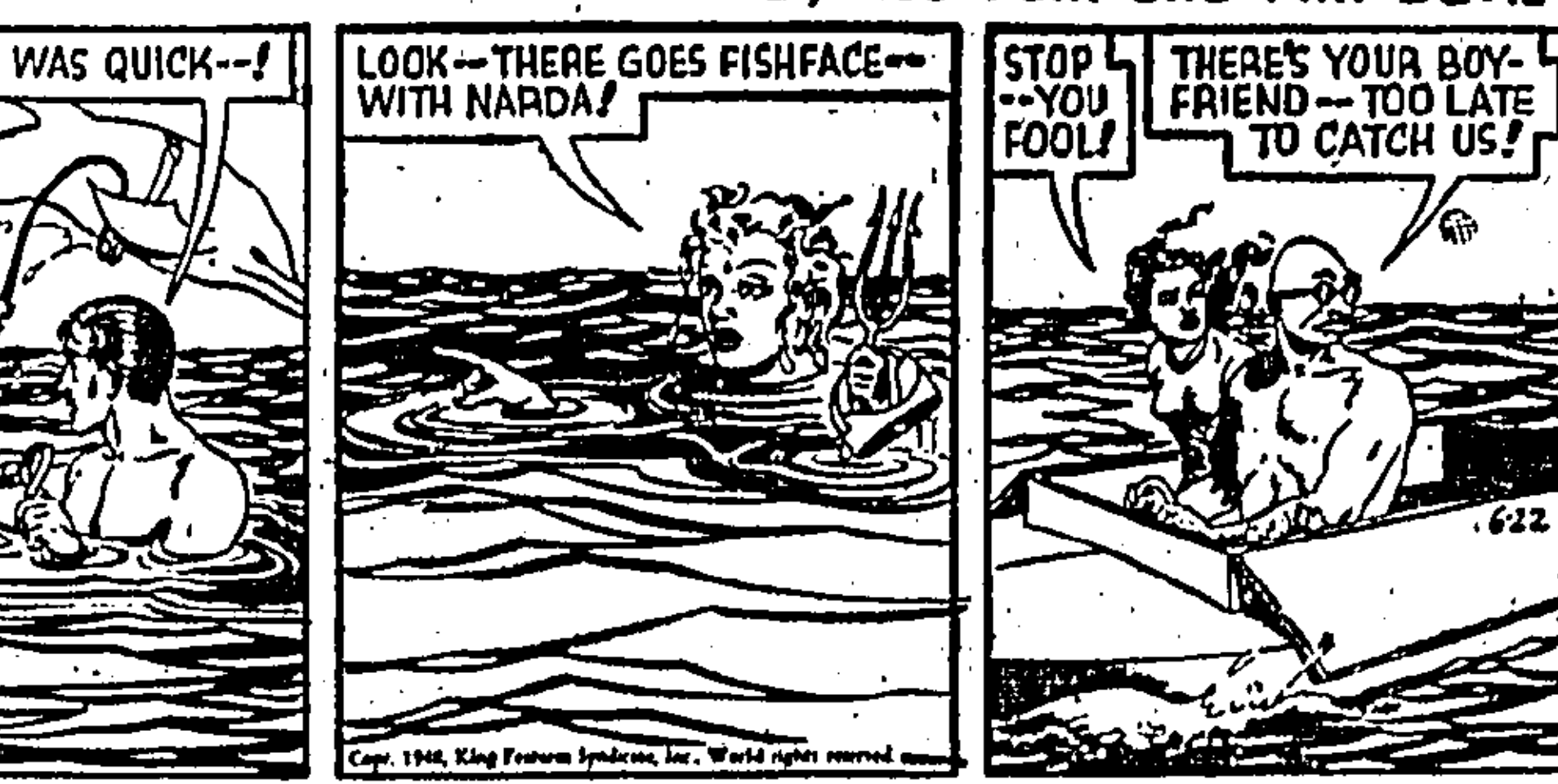
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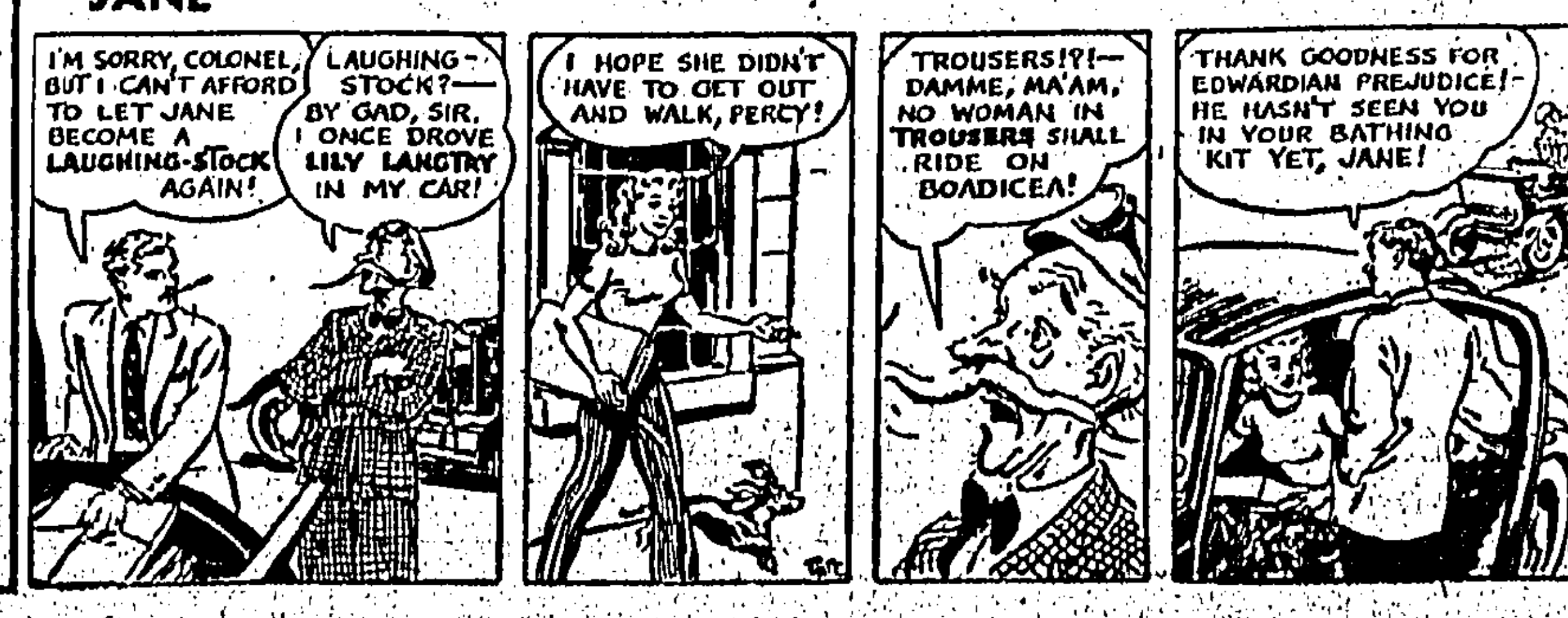
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CHURCHILL STRESSES NEED FOR EUROPEAN REGIONAL SECURITY

Brussels, February 26.

The United Nations would be "a failure and even a mockery" unless regional groups throughout the world managed to settle small problems among themselves, Mr. Winston Churchill told the inaugural Congress of the European Movement here tonight.

Declaring that the United Nations had been reduced to "a bawling cockpit in which insults may be flung back and forth," he said: "The main cause of this disaster is, of course, the fact that the world is sundered by the aggression of Communist ideology through the armed power of Soviet Russia."

But there are also fundamental defects in the structure of the United Nations Organisation, which must be corrected if any progress is to be made. "Just as in any great army it is necessary to have Army Groups, just as in any division it is necessary to have battalions, so there must be these intermediate organisations to make coherent action possible at the supreme summit."

"Therefore, I believe that the creation of regional organisations is an inseparable part of any structure of world security."

Mr. Churchill continued: "There are a number of ancient and famous European States which are no longer able to take their stand for those human rights for which they have so great a need. The yoke of the Kremlin oligarchy has descended upon them and they are the victims of a tyranny more subtle and merciless than any known before in history."

Mr. Churchill said it must be made impossible for "such a legal atrocity" as the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, to be perpetrated "within the boundaries of United Europe."

Mr. Churchill began his speech by saying: "After such of the frightful wars which have ravaged the lives and homes of mankind, the hopes of humanity have centred upon the creation of an instrument of world Government capable at least of maintaining peace and law among men."

Less Hopeful
"We have all been grieved and dismayed by the fact that the United Nations Organisation should have been so torn and broken. It has made a far less hopeful start in these first four years than its predecessor, the League of Nations."

"In spite of the faithful efforts that have been made by the representatives of many countries, great and small, the new organisation to which we have looked for guidance in our problems and guardianship in our dangers has already been reduced to a bawling cockpit, where insults may be flung back and forth."

Mr. Churchill said: "We are all encouraged by the progress which the European Movement is making. We feel conscious of the inherent force of the cause we serve and the idea which guides us. It shines like a bright steady light in the confusion and exhaustion of our age."

"Although we are a regional organism, it is not only geography that unites us. We find our principle of a union in the moral sphere. We take our stand on human rights as set forth in the Charter of Human Rights proclaimed by the United Nations Organisation."

"Any European country that sincerely accepts and adopts the principles there set forth will be welcomed by the European Union. 'Alas, there are a number of ancient and famous European States which are no longer free to take their stand for those human rights of which they

have so great a need. The yoke of the Kremlin oligarchy has descended upon them and they are the victims of a tyranny more subtle and merciless than any known to history. 'We are glad to see them represented here by men and women who have escaped from the trap that has closed upon their fellow countrymen. 'In the report of the Executive Committee, our principles are set forth with clarity—love of freedom, hostility to totalitarianism of every kind, the humble and conscientious search for truth, respect for the human personality and for the individual as an individual."

Moral Values
"These moral values, founded alike on Christian faith and charity and on the spirit of rationalism, are the message of our 2,000-year-old European civilisation and culture. 'Let us make sure that, enjoying as we do this common inheritance, we take all the necessary steps lest it be wasted or cast away."

Speaking of the proposals at The Hague Congress in May last for the creation of a European Assembly and a European Court for the enforcement of human rights, Mr. Churchill said: "The European Assembly is now on the point of being achieved. We have now to take the second step forward and to try to establish as the practical result of our meeting here the setting up of a European Court of Human Rights. 'Such a court in no way challenges the authority of a world court, but it may well be that the principles laid down by the United Nations will be better and more effectively interpreted by courts in the more united and homogeneous area of the regional units, let Europe judge Europe."

Mr. Churchill continued: "An institution in this condition cannot have the authority to command the respect of those who were the most ardent for its creation. The main cause of this disaster is, of course, the fact that the world is sundered by the aggression of the Communist ideology through the armed power of Soviet Russia. 'He said he had always felt during the war that the structure of world security could be founded only on regional organisations. 'Regional organisations are encouraged by the Constitution of the United Nations, but they have so far played no effective part. In consequence, the supreme body has been encumbered and confused by a mass of questions, great and small, above which only a babel of harsh voices can be heard. Large regional units are the necessary elements in any scheme of world Government. 'It is vain to build the dome of human rights of which they

Inclusion Of Germany

London, February 26.

Britain and the United States were planning to include Western Germany in the proposed Atlantic Pact and to "convert that reactionary State into a supplier of arms," the Soviet commentator, Vladimirov, declared over Moscow Radio today.

The plans for the creation of the "aggressive North Atlantic Pact" reserved a prominent place for Western Germany, he said. "German military units are being already formed in the Western Zones of Germany," Vladimirov added.

"Under the guise of various labour commands, German military formations are in existence in the British Zone. They amount to 150,000 persons, which is half as much again as the size of the Reichswehr permitted to Germany after the first world war."

The commentator concluded by saying: "The Anglo-American ruling circles obviously underestimate the powerful forces standing for peace. Europe's democratic forces will disrupt the wily criminal plans of the instigators of a new war."

Extra police were on duty to deal with possible Communist demonstrations at the mass meeting of the United Europe Movement addressed by Mr. Churchill.

The Burgomaster of Brussels had banned any Communist demonstrations in the city. Shopkeepers near the scene of the meeting had cancelled arrangements to fly the "Europe Emblem"—an emblem "E" on a white background—for fear their windows might be smashed.

The Political Committee of the Movement's International Council tonight unanimously approved a draft resolution on the "need for a European Union." The Committee was charged with the task of establishing the principles of a European policy and drafting a declaration on it.

The Political Committee decided to modify a draft five-point resolution on details of the European Union prepared by the Movement's Executive Council. The amended resolution will come before the International Council's plenary session on Monday.

The resolution dealt with: (1) the future structure of Europe; (2) the necessity of including Western Germany and the Ruhr in the European Union; (3) the participation of overseas territories; (4) European political economy; and (5) the competence and powers of the proposed European Economic Council.—Reuter.

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TJIBADAK from Macassar & Javaport 3rd March	to Shanghai 5th March
TJISADANE from Macassar & Javaport 17th March	to Javaport & Macassar 17th March

ASIA-AFRICA-S. AMERICA SERVICE

Arrivals	Departures
"STRAAT MALAKKA" from South Africa, 5th March	to South Africa & South America, 23rd March
"BOISSEVAIR" from South America & South Africa, 31st March	to South Africa & South America, 21st April
"STRAAT SOENDA" In Port	to South Africa & South America, 18th May
"TEGELBERG" from South America & South Africa, 13th June	to South Africa & South America, 17th June

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SUMATRA-MALAYA-CHINA SERVICE

Arrivals	Departures
"VAN HEUTSZ" In Port	to Straits & B. Dell 28th Feb.
"VAN RIEMSDIJK" from B. Dell & Spore 5th Mar.	to Straits & B. Dell 14th March

Agents: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

Arrivals	Departures
"BIJNKER" In Port	to S'hai, Japan via Keelung 1st March
"MELISKERK" from Europe 2nd March	to S'hai, Japan via Keelung 1st March
"MARIEKERK" from Europe Early April	to Europe via Manila & Straits Mid April
"MOLENKERK" from Europe Early May	to Europe via Manila & Straits Mid May

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s.s. "DONA AURORA"	11th Apr.
m.v. "BENARES"	End Apr.

SAILING FOR U.S. ATLANTIC COAST

m.v. "BENGAL"	7th Mar.
s.s. "DONA AURORA"	15th Apr.
m.v. "BENARES"	End Apr.

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S.S. HAI SHIA	Shanghai	March 2
S.S. HAI FEI	Singapore & Penang	Mar. 8

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All other shipping conditions please apply to the above agents

FINANCE AND COMMERCE

Transfer Of Gold, Silver From South China To Shanghai

Shanghai, February 27.

The Finance Minister, Mr. Hsu Kan, and Governor S. Y. Liu of the Central Bank, whose arrival here from South China was awaited yesterday to clarify many points of the new economic programme, postponed their return owing to bad weather but are now expected in Shanghai today.

A Central Bank source revealed that Mr. Liu yesterday paid a visit to Dr. T. V. Soong, former Premier, who is now residing in Hong Kong, to discuss the transfer of gold and silver from South China to Shanghai to support the policy of free trading in gold and silver and also for the minting of silver dollars.

A high Central Bank official told newsmen that the new economic programme will be formally enforced tomorrow through a gradual process. This official advanced the opinion that the Central Bank

is able to control commodity prices and tighten up the money market.

He said the Central Bank will choose the most opportune time to throw appropriate quantities of gold bars and silver dollars on to the market to arrest any runaway tendencies.

He revealed that all details concerning the control of gold and silver markets and the rates of gold and silver vis-a-vis gold yuan notes will be discussed after the return of Mr. Liu.

He disclosed that the issue of foreign currencies, the free use of private foreign exchange and regulations for the export and import trade are being studied by the Import-Export Board, the Central Bank and the Ministry of Finance.

General Chen Ta-ching, the Shanghai Garrison Commander, has given orders to his subordinates to speed up the investigation of postal matter designed for Communist China to eliminate delays, it was learned today.

General Chen's move followed a call by Director Li Chin-lu of the General Post Office, during which he urged all possible despatch in the investigation of mails addressed to Communist areas.—Reuter.

Trade Unions Urged To Co-Operate

Kuala Lumpur, February 27. At the opening here of the biggest trade union conference ever held in Malaya, the Prime Minister of Johore, Dato Onn bin Jaafar, called on all interested in the democratic trade union movement in Malaya to forget racial, religious and other differences.

He urged the 100 delegates from the majority of Malaya's registered trade unions to work together to build up a more progressive society.

The High Commissioner, Sir Henry Gurney, in a message to the delegates, said the prosperity of Malaya depended not only on increased production but industrial peace.

The conference, lasting two days, was called by labour representatives on the Malayan Legislative Council, headed by Mr. V.M.N. Menon, secretary of the Malayan Estate Staffs Association.—Reuter.

NO BUILDING BY KIEL YARDS

Frankfurt, February 27. Reports that the German Howaldt ship yards at Kiel might be allowed to build seven 3,000-ton motor vessels for Norwegian shipowners were denied yesterday by an authoritative Bizong shipbuilding official.

He said that under a four-power agreement, German yards were not and would not be allowed to conclude any such negotiations.—Reuter.

Recognition Of Israel

Athens, February 26. After the agreement reached between Egypt and Israel at Rhodes, Greece is planning to recognise Israel.

It is understood from a diplomatic source that the Greek government, during preliminary negotiations with the Israeli delegate in Athens, will try to safeguard Greek interests in Palestine relating to Greek properties, privileges of the Greek patriarchate in Jerusalem and the right of settlement of Greeks. It is hoped all difficulties arising out of these questions will be straightened out shortly.—Associated Press.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, February 26. Another attempt at recovery met some success on Wall Street today but enthusiasm appeared definitely lacking for any material advance.

With activity restricted, the market showed a predominance of mostly fractional gains. Some technicians feel that the market is definitely overvalued and may yet experience a fair rally.

Late dealings produced no remarkable changes in the market pattern with industrial and rail averages finishing modestly higher and very steady.—Reuter.

Nationalisation Of Publishing In Bulgaria

Sofia, February 27. The nationalisation of all printing and publishing activities in Bulgaria, including book-binding and type-casting, was completed yesterday after the passage of a new bill by the National Assembly.

Certain exceptions may be made by the Council of Ministers, it was learned, to permit printing and publishing by public organisations, political parties and co-operatives.

The process of nationalisation in publishing began a year ago when some 85 per cent of publishers and printing enterprises were nationalised.—Reuter.

New Indian Restrictions

New Delhi, February 25. Greater restrictions on imports from dollar and hard currency countries under the revised import licensing policy for the period of January to June, 1949, was announced tonight.

The announcement said that only minor adjustments, however, have been made in the import licensing policy for soft currency areas which is mainly the same as at present.

Such articles as condensed and powdered milk, camphor, leather, cloth, synthetic resins, electric household appliances, which were previously licensed on a restricted basis, will not be allowed importation from dollar and hard currency countries.

Kerosene, motor-spirit and mineral oils (with certain exceptions) including diesel oils, also will not be licensed.—Reuter.

DIVIDEND

New York, February 26. The Carlin Wright Corporation has declared a regular quarterly 25 cents dividend on common and \$2.00 on Class "A" stocks, payable in quarterly installments. It is announced that the company will maintain a quarterly basis for dividend payments and the amount to be paid on common for 1949 will total at least one dollar.—Reuter.

POST OFFICE MAIL NOTICE

Mail Service by Air and Surface to Manila and Peking is temporarily suspended until further notice.

Outward Mails

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Air Mail and Parcel Post close 15 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., Registered Air Mail and Parcel Post close at 9 a.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the CPO closing hours.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Closing Times by Air
Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon CPO) 7.40 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 3.30 p.m.; (CPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.40 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking and Tientsin; Airmail for Kunming and Luchow; Airmail for Swatow, Amoy and Taipei, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.
Airmail for Fuzhou, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Saigon and Paris, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Bangkok, 10 a.m.
Singapore, 10 a.m.
Karachi and Bombay, 10 a.m.
Holoh, Pakhoi via Holoh and Straits, Noon.
Amoy and Japan, Noon.
Bombay and Swatow, 1 p.m.
Parcel only for Canada via Vancouver, 2 p.m.
Formosa via Keelung, 3 p.m.
Tientsin (via Canton), 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Madras, Aligarh, (Reg.) 7.40 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 3.30 p.m.; (CPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.
Airmail for Manila, Honolulu, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 4 p.m.
Air Parcel Post for Manila, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m., (CPO) 5 p.m.
Ordinary Airmail (printed matters, samples and small packet posts) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m., (CPO) 5 p.m.

BRITISH TALKS WITH YUGOSLAVIA

London, February 27. Sir Charles Peake, the British Ambassador in Belgrade since 1946, is to head the British delegation to the long-term trade talks with Yugoslavia, it has been announced.

Several members of the British delegation left London yesterday for Belgrade, it was learned.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME

We, The China Navigation Company, Limited, hereby give notice that in consequence of information received from our Head Office in London we have applied to the Minister of Transport, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the motor ship "SIN TAIKOO HING" of HONG KONG REGISTRY Official Number 173,778, Gross tonnage 250 tons, heretofore owned by The China Navigation Company, Limited, for permission to change her name to "TAIKOO HING" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of HONG KONG as owned by The China Navigation Company, Limited.

Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the REGISTRAR OF SHIPPING at HONG KONG within SEVEN days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at HONG KONG the 25th day of February, 1949.

THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice To Consignees

M/V "MEDON"

Damaged cargo on this vessel will be surveyed at Hoi's Wharf between 10 a.m. and noon on February 28 and March 1, 1949, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

HONG KONG, Feb. 26, 1949.



AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES

Cargo Oil Tankers Refrigeration-Cargocare

TO HONOLULU AND SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai & Japan

"President Wilson"	Mar. 5
"General Gordon"	Mar. 20
"President Cleveland"	Apr. 3

TO SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES via JAPAN

"President McKinley"	Mar. 2
"President Taft"	Mar. 15
"President Madison" (calls Shanghai)	Mar. 31

TO NEW YORK, BALTIMORE & BOSTON VIA-PANAMA

"President Fillmore" (calls Pacific Coast)	Mar. 21
"President Tyler" (calls Pacific Coast)	Mar. 28

ROUND-THE-WORLD

VIA MANILA, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, KARACHI, SUEZ, PORT SAID, ALEXANDRIA, NAPLES, MARSEILLES, GENOA, NEW YORK and BOSTON

"Mount Mansfield" (Singapore Direct)	Mar. 14
"President Monroe"	Mar. 22
"President Buchanan"	Apr. 2

ARRIVING FROM SAN FRANCISCO

"President Tyler"	Feb. 27
"President Fillmore"	Feb. 28
St. George's Bldg.	Tel. Nos. 25172/25173

American Pioneer Line

Arrivals from New York, Boston, Other Atlantic Ports via Panama

"PIONEER SEA"	Mar. 2
"PADUCAH VICTORY"	Mar. 23

Sailings to Manila

"PIONEER SEA"	Mar. 3
"PADUCAH VICTORY"	Mar. 24

Sailings to New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore & Other Atlantic Ports via Shanghai, Japan & Panama Canal

—Special Cargo Oil Tanks—

"PIONEER LAKE"	Due Feb. 28	Sails Mar. 1
"PIONEER COVE"	Due Mar. 14	Sails Mar. 15
"PIONEER SEA"	Due Mar. 20	Sails Mar. 21

For Full Particulars Call



The above list indicates the principal ports of loading and discharge as presently intended, but not their rotation. For further information see schedule at the Company's Office.

UNITED STATES LINES

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ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"BENLAVER"	U.K.	27th Feb.
"BENDORAN"	U.K.	27th Feb.
"SALMONIER"	Japan	1st half Mar.
"BENVOLICH"	U.K.	Early Mar.
"BENALBANACH"	Japan	1st half Mar.
"BENCLEUCH"	U.K.	2nd half Mar.
"BENCROACHAN"	U.K.	End Mar.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	LOADING
"BENDORAN"	Liverpool	28th Feb.
"BENLAVER"	Liverpool	27th Feb.
"BENALBANACH"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hull	1st half Mar.
"BENCLEUCH"	Liverpool, Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg	2nd half Mar.
"BENVOLICH"	Liverpool, Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg	End Mar.

* Calls Port Sudan.

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‡ Accepts Cargo for Japan.

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Direct to Los Angeles, San Francisco, Vancouver, Seattle & Portland.

M.S. "FRANCISVILLE"	Loading 28th Feb.
M.S. "CASTLEVILLE"	20th March

ARRIVALS FROM PACIFIC COAST

M.S. "BOUGAINVILLE"	24th March
Sailing to Singapore, Port Swettenham, Penang & Batavia	

M.S. "BOUGAINVILLE" 25th March

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MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

ARRIVALS FROM		
S.S. "MONTAIN"	Europe	End of March
S.S. "CHAMPOLLION"	Marseilles	Mid April
SAILING TO		
S.S. "DELAPUR"	Kobe, Yokohama	Early about March 2nd
S.S. "CHAMPOLLION"	Shanghai	Mid April
S.S. "CHAMPOLLION"	Marseilles via Saigon	End of April

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S.S. "CITY OF ALMA"	12th Mar.
S.S. "ANDREW JACKSON"	10th April
S.S. "MAIDEN CREEK"	28th April

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THE PACIFIC ORIENT EXPRESS LINE

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M.V. "PARRAMATTA"	15th Mar.
M.V. "MONGABARRA"	9th April

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S.S. "GARDEN STATE"

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M.S. "ARNOLD MAERSK"	March 30
M.S. "GRETE MAERSK"	April 9

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ARRIVALS FROM NEW YORK AND
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M.S. "CHASTINE MAERSK"	March 24
M.S. "LAURA MAERSK"	April 19

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